

hundred and fifty three,) in the same manner as other public roads are kept up in the county aforesaid.

## C H A P. XV.

An A C T to empower Edward Downes to collect by distress and sale the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector of Queen-Anne's county.

Preamble.

**W** H E R E A S Edward Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, by his humble petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he was, on the twentieth day of October last, appointed collector of the tax for said county in the room of Mr. William Wright the late collector, deceased; that he finds many and large balances due and in arrears for public and county assessments, occasioned by the declining state of health, and the long and painful indisposition of the late collector; and that he finds a general backwardness in the people to discharge such arrears, and that it will be impracticable, without the aid of the legislature, to collect the arrears due as aforesaid; and therefore most humbly prays, that the general assembly will pass an act empowering him to collect by distress and sale the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of said petition is reasonable, and that the public interest requires that an act should pass for the purposes aforesaid; therefore,

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collect ar-  
rears, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Edward Downes, collector of taxes for Queen-Anne's county, be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered, to collect, by execution or otherwise, all arrears and balances due to Mr. William Wright, late collector of the county aforesaid, for public and county assessments and taxes, in as full and ample manner as the said collector deceased could have done within the time limited by law.

## C H A P. XVI.

A Bill, entitled, An A C T to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, deceased, unadministered by Rebecca Plowman and David Arnold, his executors at the time of their decease, with the will of the said Jonathan Plowman annexed.

Preamble.

**W** H E R E A S it is represented to this general assembly, that Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, some time before his death, which happened in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, did make his last will and testament in writing, duly executed in the presence of three witnesses, wherein, among other things, he did vest in the said Rebecca Plowman and David Arnold, his executors, full and ample powers to execute the said will in all its parts, as well to collect and pay all such just debts