

ample powers of execution as the said Simon Nichols had or might have had while collector of Montgomery county, and that the person so appointed, may be authorized to call on the said Simon Nichols, and all deputies by him appointed or concerned in the collections aforesaid, for a settlement of and upon their books and accounts with the inhabitants of Montgomery county, relative to the transactions aforesaid, and that the said Simon Nichols may be compelled to deliver up to the person so appointed, all such books, accounts, papers and vouchers, in the possession of the said Simon Nichols, or his deputies, as he may require, or may be necessary to enable the person so appointed to make such final collection and settlement, and that a reasonable time may be given to the person so appointed for that purpose; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition is highly reasonable, and that the public interest, as well as the security of the petitioner, requires a compliance therewith,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Alexander Catlett be, and he is hereby appointed, collector of the residue of the public taxes now remaining due and unsatisfied in the county aforesaid, for the years seventeen hundred and eighty, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and seventeen hundred and eighty-two, in the room of the said Simon Nichols; and the said Alexander Catlett is hereby fully authorized and empowered to receive and collect, by execution or otherwise, all arrears and balances due the said Simon Nichols, as collector of the county aforesaid, in as full and ample manner as the said Simon Nichols might or could have received or collected the same, during the time of his being collector of the public taxes in the county aforesaid; and the said Alexander Catlett is hereby vested with the whole power and authority which the said Simon Nichols had or possessed under the laws of this state, as collector of the public taxes, and for the purposes of receiving and collecting the same, during the time he was collector of Montgomery county aforesaid.

Collector appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Simon Nichols do and shall, upon the request of the said Alexander Catlett, deliver to the said Alexander Catlett all and every the books, accounts, papers, memorandums, and vouchers, of the said Simon Nichols, which in any manner relate to or concern the said public taxes, or the receipt or collection thereof; and the several and respective deputies, agents, or receivers, of the said Simon Nichols, engaged or appointed by him, or acting as such, or in any manner concerned in the receipt or collection of the said public taxes under the said Simon Nichols, or by virtue of his authority, or in his name, or otherwise, do and shall, at the request of, and when called upon by, the said Alexander Catlett, upon their respective oaths produce, shew, explain to and lay before him, all the books, accounts, memorandums, papers, and vouchers, whatsoever, of the said agents, deputies, receivers, or others, so concerned as aforesaid, and make and deliver necessary copies and extracts thereof to the said Alexander Catlett, for the purpose of settling and adjusting all accounts, claims, and demands, relative to the taxes aforesaid.

Books, &c. to be delivered, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if the said Simon Nichols shall refuse or neglect, when called upon by the said Alexander Catlett, to comply with the directions of this act, the commissioners of the tax for Montgomery county be, and they are hereby empowered and required, on the application of the said Alexander Catlett, to order the sum for which the said Simon Nichols is in arrear to the state as collector for the said county, to be paid to the said Catlett, either immediately or on a short day to be limited; and may also carry such order into effect, by their warrant, directed to the sheriff, to levy the said sum, in the same manner as by *hieri facias*,

Commissioners may order *hieri facias*, &c.

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