

seventeen hundred and eighty-two, was appointed collector of the public assessment for the county aforesaid, and for the due execution of the office, entered into bond with John Wilson, junior, and Lovering Merritt, as the law directs: And whereas it is also represented, that the said Thomas Boyer, on the third day of July, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, was appointed collector of the county rate for the said year, and entered into bond for the execution of the trust together with William Woodall and John Wallis, as the law directs; and that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, the said Thomas Boyer was elected sheriff of the county aforesaid, and on the thirteenth day of November in the year aforesaid, entered into bond with Oliver Smith, and Richard Peacock, for the due performance of the office; and that on the eighteenth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, the said Thomas Boyer was appointed collector of the county rate for that year, and for the faithful discharge of his duty entered into bond with John Wilson and William Smith; that on the twenty-fifth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, the said Thomas Boyer entered into bond with the petitioners William Maxwell and William Rafin, for the due execution of his office of sheriff for the year ensuing, as the law required; that on the eighth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, the said Thomas Boyer was appointed collector of the said public assessment, and for due execution of the office entered into bond with William Rafin, the petitioner, and George Tillar; and that on the twenty-second day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, the said Thomas Boyer was appointed collector of the county tax for the ensuing year, and for the faithful discharge of his duty entered into bond with the petitioner William Rafin and Malachi Ambrose: And whereas it is also represented, that on the twenty-fifth day of October last, the said Thomas Boyer suddenly departed this life, leaving his business as sheriff, collector of the public assessment, and collector of the county rate, for the years aforesaid, unfinished, and considerable sums of money due to him in virtue of the several appointments above mentioned, and that the petitioners, with the other securities and creditors of the said Thomas Boyer, are likely to be great sufferers: Therefore the said memorialists and petitioners prayed, that a law might be passed, empowering them to collect the several sums of money due to the aforesaid Thomas Boyer in virtue of his several offices for the years aforesaid, in the same manner as if he had been living and his office unexpired; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said memorialists and petitioners is highly reasonable,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said William Maxwell and William Rafin, and each of them, their and each of their executors and administrators, be and are hereby fully authorized and empowered to take, demand, collect and receive, the residue of the public assessments, taxes, dues, fees and demands, and all and every sum and sums of money, or quantity of tobacco, due to the said Thomas Boyer in virtue of his several offices of sheriff, collector of the public assessment, or county rate, for the years aforesaid, by distress and sale, or otherwise, in as full and ample manner as the said Thomas Boyer could have done was he now living and his several offices unexpired.

W. Maxwell
and W. Rafin/
empowered to
collect, &c.

III. And, whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of John Rolph and Benjamin Hatchinson, that on the ninth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, they entered into bond with the aforesaid Thomas Boyer, for the faithful discharge of his office of sheriff for that year, and that for the reasons above mentioned, the said Thomas Boyer hath not finished the business of his said office, large sums of money being due to him in virtue of his office of sheriff, for which