

discharge the debts due from the said parish, and the lessees or purchasers shall hold and possess such pews as they may lease or purchase, according to the terms of lease or sale. C H A P. XXI.

III. And be it enacted, That the said vestry, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices, within this state, for any and all the purposes particularly specified in this act. And may sue, &c.

C H A P. XXII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, senior, who is insane. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to empower Vachel Downes to collect the arrears due for public and county assessments to Samuel Ridgaway, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased.

WHEREAS Littillia Ridgaway, Edmund Farrell, and Vachel Downes, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that the aforesaid Samuel Ridgaway was sheriff for three years, and collector of the public taxes and county rates for the county aforesaid for two years now last past, that many and considerable balances of the said taxes and rates remained due and in arrear to the said Samuel at the time of his death, which happened on the twelfth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-six; and that without the aid of the legislature, many of the said balances may be lost, and others with great difficulty and delay recovered, to the very great loss and injury of the securities and representatives of the said Samuel Ridgaway, and therefore most humbly pray, that an act of assembly may pass, empowering Vachel Downes, one of the petitioners aforesaid, to collect all such balances by distress and sale of any property chargeable with the said taxes and rates, and that after the payment of any balances due from the said Samuel for the said taxes and rates, he the said Vachel Downes may pay over the residue collected by him in virtue of the said act, first deducting the commission for collection, to the said petitioners, to the uses of the last will and testament of the said Samuel Ridgaway; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable and ought to be granted, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Vachel Downes be, and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered, to collect by execution, or otherwise, all arrears and balances due to the said Samuel Ridgaway, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county aforesaid, for public and county taxes and rates, and for attornies and officers fees, in as full and ample manner as the said Samuel Ridgaway might or could have done within the time limited by law. V. Downes authorized to collect, &c.

III. Provided always, That nothing in this act shall be taken or construed to grant any indulgence to the securities of the said Samuel Ridgaway, or his executors or administrators, whereby the payment of the taxes due to the public may be delayed longer than the first day of April next. Provido.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Vachel Downes shall, and is hereby directed, after payment of the arrears and balances due from the said Samuel Ridgaway, deceased, for the taxes, rates, and fees aforesaid, to pay Residue to be paid to L. Ridgaway, &c.