

due to the public, and to secure and indemnify the securities of the said Christopher Edelen: And it appearing reasonable to grant the prayer of the said memorial, and that some fit and proper person should be vested with the same powers which the said Christopher Edelen in his life-time could exercise for the purpose of collection; therefore,

CHAP. LXV.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Beatty, of Frederick county, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to collect, by execution or otherwise, all arrearages and balances due to the estate of the said Christopher Edelen, as sheriff and collector of Frederick county for the years aforesaid, for public and county taxes and rates, and for attornies and officers fees, (if any remain to be collected) in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as the said Christopher Edelen in his life-time might or could have collected them.

T. Beatty empowered to collect, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Thomas Beatty shall, and he is hereby directed and empowered, after payment of the arrears and balances due from the said Christopher Edelen to the public, to pay over the residue to the representatives of the said Christopher Edelen, to be distributed according to law, first deducting the same commission on the said collection which the said Christopher Edelen was entitled to.

And to pay over the residue due.

IV. And be it enacted, That an indulgence till the first day of October next be, and it is hereby given, to the securities and administrator of the said Christopher Edelen, for the purpose of discharging the arrears and balance due to the public as aforesaid.

Indulgence granted.

V. And be it enacted, That the orphans court of Frederick county, are hereby authorized and directed to take bond with security from the said Thomas Beatty, conditioned, that he the said Thomas Beatty, after making the collection aforesaid and discharging the balance due to the public as aforesaid, and making the deduction aforesaid, will truly and faithfully pay over the residue, (if any) to the representatives of the said Christopher Edelen, to be distributed according to law.

Orphans court to take bond, &c.

C H A P. LXVI.

An A C T ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property.

Passed March 11.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the purchaser of any land lying within any manor or reserve, and sold by the intendant or commissioners of confiscated property, shall, upon return of a certificate of survey thereof to the land-office for the western shore, and the same being examined and passed, and after the expiration of six months from the said return, and upon payment of the purchase money to be endorsed on the said certificate, be entitled to a patent for such land, in fee-simple, unless the chancellor, upon hearing on any caveat to the same, shall otherwise determine; and such certificate and patent shall be recorded among the records of the land-office.

Purchasers entitled to a patent, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That any certificates and plats of survey which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office for the western shore, on or before the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, by any person who has been appointed by the intendant to survey any of the aforesaid lands, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned by the surveyor of the county.

Certificates of surveys returned shall be received, &c.