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prescribed by the several laws under which they were appointed, provided the said collectors shall make it appear to the treasurers of their respective shires, that the monies to be collected is due and owing from the citizens of this state, or their several deputy collectors, and that the said collectors have not directly or indirectly received the same, or omitted to make payment after receipt thereof, and provided they shall pay into the treasuries of their respective shires all the money and certificates that they have received on account of the said taxes on or before the first day of March next.

And empow-
ered to collect
by distress,
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the collectors aforesaid shall have the same power and authority to collect the balances due them by distress and sale that they had the years the said balances became due, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

No interest to
be charged.

V. And be it enacted, That no interest shall be charged to or taken from the people by any collector for the said arrearages of taxes.

C H A P. LII.

Passed Janu-
ary 20.

An ACT for the more effectual relief of the securities of public debtors.

Preamble.

WHEREAS several securities of debtors to the public have alleged, that they are not well able to give bond with security, so as to avail themselves of execution allowed by law against their principals, who have had the public indulgence to pay their debts till the year seventeen hundred and ninety, on their bonds passed before the consolidating act, and made a part of the consolidated fund; that their principals apparently grow less able to pay their said debts, and suffer their securities to be executed for the interest, or remain liable to execution for principal and interest; to prevent therefore the ruin or well grounded uneasiness of securities,

Debtors to
give new
bonds on no-
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II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That in case any security, on the bond of any public debtor passed before the time of making the said act, and which is thereby made a part of the said fund, shall give notice in writing to the principal debtor, that he desires or requires him to give new security for the debt and interest, or what thereof is due, such debtor shall, within six weeks thereafter, give a new bond to this state, with two good securities, for the payment of the debt and interest, or what thereof is due, which securities shall be approved of by the treasurer; and, to enable him to judge the better of their sufficiency, he may require a certificate of the assessment of their property, and may examine them on oath, to be administered by him, touching their property; and the treasurer is directed not to accept the new securities, unless he shall be satisfied they are ample and sufficient; and on the treasurer approving the said new bond and security, he shall endorse the same, that it is given in lieu of the first, and the same shall be subject to every intent and purpose to the same mode of recovery as the first was, which shall then be cancelled; but if the original debtor shall refuse to give such new security as aforesaid, or shall delay to do the same within the said six weeks, then shall the treasurer, on the request of the security, and on a copy of the said notice being lodged with him, with an affidavit endorsed thereon of the due service thereof, order an execution against the principal, on which shall be made the whole debt and interest due with costs.

C H A P. LIII.

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An ACT to provide a remedy for creditors and others against this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS individuals may have claims against this state for money, which they cannot settle and adjust with the auditor-general, and it is reasonable that some mode should be adopted to afford such individuals an opportunity of trying the justice of their claims at law;

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