

the said deed, when so recorded, shall be as valid and effectual to transfer and convey the houses, lot, and portion of ground aforesaid, from the said John Slater to the said Martin Slack, as if the same had been recorded within the time limited by law, any thing in any former act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the aforesaid deed, although recorded as by this act directed, shall not destroy, or in any manner affect, the title of any purchasers of the houses, lot, and portion of ground aforesaid, in case of a purchase made after the date of the said deed, and without notice of such deed, nor in any manner affect the creditors of the aforesaid John Slater, who have become so after the date of the said deed.

C H A P. XIII.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for the relief of William Stewart, of Somerset county. Passed December 16.

WHEREAS William Stewart, of Somerset county, by his humble petition to this general assembly, has set forth, that he was appointed inspector of tobacco at Green-hill warehouse, in the said county, on the sixteenth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-six; that he qualified and gave security agreeably to law; and that on the first of October, in the same year, the said warehouse was feloniously broke open, and two hogsheds of tobacco taken out; that he stands indebted for the said two hogsheds of tobacco, netting two thousand two hundred and sixty-two pounds; that the justices of said county appear willing to give him relief by assessing the loss on the county, if they had power; and praying that a law might pass for that purpose:

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Somerset county are hereby authorized and empowered, at their next county court to be held for the purpose of laying the county assessment, to impose by assessment on the said county, in the same manner that all county charges are levied, a sum of money not exceeding the value of the said two hogsheds of tobacco, with the expences of collection, and the sum so levied shall be paid by the sheriff or collector for the time being to the said William Stewart, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

Justices to assess money, &c.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for the relief of the securities of John Hayman Nichols, collector of the tax for Montgomery county. Passed December 16.

WHEREAS Henry Brookes, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he, together with James Sutor, Leonard Davis, William Fee and Zadock Dickerson, became security for John Hayman Nichols as collector for Montgomery county for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, on whose collection there is a balance due to the public of about one thousand nine hundred pounds, for which a *feri facias* issued against the property of the said Nichols and his said securities; that on the said *feri facias*, the property of the said Nichols, and of all his securities aforesaid, except Leonard Davis, was taken, to the value of near five thousand pounds, but that none of the said property has been sold, although process has issued for that purpose, except five hundred acres of land of James Sutor; that Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, became counter securities to the petitioner, and the other original securities, and are ultimately answerable to them, but that it will be to the ruin of the said original securities, who are unable to advance the money, to have their property sold at this time, although they may afterwards recur to the counter securities; that the said John Hayman Nichols hath surrendered his books and papers to the said counter securities, on which, though there can be no reliance on their accuracy, there appears to be a balance due from the people of about two thousand eight hundred pounds; and prayed that an act may pass, transferring the collection of the said arrears to the said counter securities, giving them an indulgence till the year seventeen hundred and ninety, upon their entering into bond to the state, with undoubted security, for the payment of the said balance.

Preamble.