

aforesaid, or since, under the said John Hayman Nichols, or by virtue of his authority, or otherwise, or take his or their body in execution, as on a *capias ad satisfaciendum*, in satisfaction thereof. C H A P.
XV.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, or a majority of them, shall have and be allowed the same commissions upon the collection of the residue of said taxes, where the said John Hayman Nichols has not already been allowed commission on the settlement of his accounts by the commissioners of the tax for the county aforesaid, for the trouble and expence of making the same; to which the said John Hayman Nichols was or would have been entitled to as collector by the laws of this state, had he made the collection thereof. Commission allowed, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioners of the tax for the county aforesaid, be authorized and empowered, upon application of the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, or a majority of them, to settle and adjust their accounts, and, if necessary, to make them such allowances thereon as may appear just and reasonable, for paupers or insolvents, and give them a certificate thereof, containing the amount of such allowance; provided, that the said commissioners shall not allow the said collectors any deduction as aforesaid, except only in such cases where it shall appear to them that the said John Hayman Nichols, or the collectors, have used all lawful means for levying and collecting the same. Commissioners may settle accounts, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the said public dues and taxes remaining due as aforesaid in the said county, shall, when collected, be to the only use and benefit of the said counter securities, so far as may be necessary for their indemnity. Taxes to be to the use of counter securities, &c.

VIII. **Provided always, and be it enacted,** That if the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, shall not give bond to this state, with good and undoubted security (to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore) on or before the first day of February next, for the payment of the balance that shall appear due to this state from the said Nichols as collector aforesaid, in current money, or in such kinds of certificates (and under such restrictions) as the said John Hayman Nichols would have been entitled to pay, one half thereof, with interest, on or before the tenth day of August next, and the other half, with interest, on or before the tenth day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, then every clause, matter and thing, herein before contained, shall be null and void; nor shall the same be in force, or confer any of the powers or authorities therein mentioned, or have any effect or operation, until the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, shall have given bond and security as aforesaid, and the same shall have been approved of as aforesaid. Proviso.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That if the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, shall give bond and security as aforesaid within the time aforesaid, and the same shall be approved as aforesaid, the process issued against the property of the securities of the said John Hayman Nichols shall be void, and they shall for ever thereafter be considered as released, exonerated and discharged, to all intents and purposes, from their said securityship, and shall not be answerable for the balance due from the said Nichols to the public as collector aforesaid, or any part thereof. On giving bond, process to be void, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, To be allowed for paupers, &c.