

or in any manner concerned in the receipt or collection of the said taxes under the said Veazey, or by virtue of his authority, or in his name or otherwise, do and shall, at the request of, and when called upon by, the said Peter Lawson, upon their respective oaths, produce, shew, explain to and lay before him, all the books, accounts, memorandums, papers, and vouchers whatsoever of the said agents, deputies, receivers or others, so concerned as aforesaid, and make and deliver necessary copies and extracts thereof to the said Peter Lawson, for the purpose of settling all the accounts, claims and demands, relative to the taxes aforesaid; and if the said John Ward Veazey, or any of his said deputies, agents or receivers, shall refuse or delay to comply, in any respect, with such request or demand of the said Peter Lawson, concerning the said books, accounts, papers, memorandums and vouchers, relating to the said taxes, it shall and may be lawful for the said Peter Lawson to exhibit his complaint thereof, in writing, to the justices of the next county court for such county, and the said justices, on being satisfied thereof by the affidavit of the said Peter Lawson, or otherwise, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to award an attachment of contempt against the said John Ward Veazey, or any of his said agents, deputies or receivers, so refusing or delaying to comply with such request or demand, returnable immediately; and if, on the appearance of the said parties so attached, they, or either of them, shall pertinaciously refuse or delay to comply with the directions of this act, such parties shall thereupon be fined at the discretion of the said justices, and be committed to the public prison of the said county, until a compliance be obtained, without bail or mainprize.

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IV. **And**, whereas it is represented to the general assembly, by the verification of sundry witnesses, that the said John Ward Veazey hath greatly misconducted himself in the said office of collector, and hath neglected to make any payments into the treasury, although there is good reason to believe that he hath made many collections of the said taxes, and hath now in his possession some considerable sums of money received from the citizens of the said county; **Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,** That it shall be lawful for the said Peter Lawson to direct the clerk of Cæcil county to issue a summons for witnesses, to be and appear before the said justices at their next succeeding court, to give such evidence concerning the conduct of the said John Ward Veazey, as shall be required of them in court; and if it shall appear to the said justices that the said John Ward Veazey hath collected any sums of money, and hath not accounted therefor, or paid any such sums into the treasury of this state, or that there is good reason to believe that the said John Ward Veazey hath some considerable sum or sums of money in his possession, and hath refused to account for and pay the same, it shall be lawful for the said justices, and they are hereby required, forthwith to issue an attachment against him, returnable immediately, and upon the appearance of the said John Ward Veazey, the said justices shall examine him on interrogatories tending to discover what sums of money he hath received from the citizens of the said county, their amount, quality and species; to what uses he hath applied the same, and the particular sums thereof; whether he had not on or about the third or other day of September last the sum of one thousand pounds in money, or a considerable sum of money; in what manner he hath disposed of such money; whether he hath not, at the time of such inquiry, some considerable sums of money in his possession; whether he is willing to pay over such sums of money as he may have in his possession to the said Peter Lawson; whether he did not acknowledge to some one or more persons that he had such sums of money in his possession; and such other interrogatories as may be proposed by the said justices, at the request of the said Peter Lawson, or otherwise, as shall tend to discover the truth concerning his collection of the said taxes, and the expenditures thereof, and the said interrogatories shall be answered by the said John Ward Veazey upon oath; and if the said John Ward Veazey shall refuse to answer such interrogatories, or shall prevaricate, or otherwise conduct himself pertinaciously before the said justices, or if it shall appear that the said John Ward Veazey hath received, and not accounted for, any sum or sums of money in virtue of his office of collector, it shall be lawful for the said justices, and they are hereby authorized and required, to remand the said John Ward

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