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Veazey to the custody of the said sheriff, to be by him committed to the public prison of the said county, there to remain without bail or mainprize until he shall make full and complete answers to the said interrogatories, and render a just and fair account of all the monies by him received in virtue of his said office, and pay over to the said Peter Lawson, for the use of this state, all and every sums of money which shall have been in his possession since the first day of last September; and if the said sheriff shall suffer the said John Ward Veazey to go at large until he shall have so answered, accounted and paid, the said sheriff shall be answerable for all the damages, costs and charges, which shall be sustained by this state, or any party by means thereof, and be also fined in the sum of one hundred pounds current money for such permission, or for his negligence in the escape of the said John Ward Veazey from his confinement.

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V. **And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,** That on the application of the said Peter Lawson to the commissioners of the tax of Cæcil county, with the books, papers, accounts, or vouchers aforesaid, when the same shall be produced according to the directions of this act, it shall be lawful for the said commissioners, or a major part of them, first summoning the deputies, agents or receivers, of the said John Ward Veazey, to settle and adjust their respective accounts concerning the said taxes; and if it shall appear to the said commissioners that the said deputies, agents or receivers, or any of them, have received and not accounted for or paid any of the said taxes, arrearages or balances, the said commissioners shall thereupon limit some reasonable time, within which the several balances due by such deputies, agents or receivers, shall be paid to the said Peter Lawson, or his agents, and on default of payment the said commissioners shall award such process of execution against the respective defaulters as shall enable the said Peter Lawson most speedily to collect and receive the same.

Proviso.

VI. **Provided nevertheless,** That before the said Peter Lawson shall proceed to execute the said office of collector, he shall enter into bond, with such sufficient securities as shall be approved of by the treasurer of the eastern shore, in the sum of five thousand pounds current money, to the state of Maryland, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by virtue of this act, and for truly accounting with the said treasurer for the collection of the said arrearages and balances; and the said bond shall be recorded among the records of Cæcil county court, and be afterwards transmitted to the clerk of the general court for the eastern shore, to be there recorded and deposited for safe custody.

Proviso.

VII. **And provided also,** That before the said Peter Lawson, or his agents, shall proceed to collect, by execution, any of the said arrearages or balances claimed of any citizen or citizens of the said county, a full and fair account of such arrearages or balances shall be delivered to every such citizen or citizens for the space of ten days at the least before a demand for payment shall be enforced by the said collector, or his agents; and every such account shall be verified by an affidavit of the said Peter Lawson, when thereto required by any citizen or citizens, that it does not appear by the books, papers or other documents, of John Ward Veazey, that the said account, or any article thereof, hath been paid or satisfied, and that he doth not know of any payment thereof being made to the said John Ward Veazey, or to any other person for his use, and that he hath not himself received the same, or any part thereof, except so much as shall be credited on the said account; and if any citizen, of whom such arrearages or balances shall be claimed, shall allege that the same have been paid to any agent or deputy of the said John Ward Veazey, it shall be lawful for the said Peter Lawson, or other person interested, to cause such agent or deputy to be summoned before a justice of the peace of such county, and to be examined, on oath, concerning the truth of such allegations; and the said Peter Lawson is, by virtue of this act, allowed until the first day of October next for the purpose of making and completing his collection of the said arrearages and balances.