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XXXVII.

petitioner hath applied for and obtained an escheat warrant for the same, and therefore prayed that the state might relinquish all right and title to the said tract of land; and this general assembly thinking the prayer of the said John Rofs to be reasonable and just, have consented to grant the same;

Right vested
in J. Rofs,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said John Rofs be and is hereby vested with all the right and title which the state of Maryland hath, or might lawfully claim, to the said tract of land called Part of Benson's Enlargement, and the right and title of the said John Rofs thereto is hereby confirmed; saving nevertheless to all person and persons whatsoever, and bodies politic and corporate, not herein named, their several and respective rights.

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Passed De-
cember 25.

An ACT to empower Thomas Worrell, son of Edward Worrell, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete the collections due and unpaid to his deceased father, for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Worrell, eldest son of Edward Worrell, late of Kent county, deceased, that the said Edward Worrell was, in the month of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, elected sheriff of the county aforesaid, and was afterwards duly commissioned to execute the said office, and was also appointed, for the said county, collector of the public taxes and county rates for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine; that the said Edward Worrell departed this life on or about the ninth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, leaving many balances of the said taxes and county rates due and unpaid at the time of his decease; and the said Thomas Worrell has prayed that he may be empowered to collect all such balances due and unpaid as aforesaid, in the same manner that his deceased father might have done, when living, in virtue of his said several offices of sheriff and collector; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition is highly reasonable,

T. Worrell to
collect, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Thomas Worrell be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take, demand, collect and receive, the residue of the public assessments, taxes, dues, fees and demands, and all and every sum and sums of money, or quantity of tobacco, due to the said Edward Worrell, in virtue of his several offices of sheriff and collector of the public assessment, or county rate, for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, in as full and ample a manner as the said Edward Worrell could have done was he now living, and his several offices unexpired; and the said Thomas Worrell shall be allowed until the first day of October next to complete the collection of the balances aforesaid, and shall be allowed the same commission upon the said collections that his deceased father would have been entitled to.

Proviso.

III. *Provided nevertheless,* That before the said Thomas Worrell 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 this state, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by virtue of this act, and for truly accounting with the several persons interested in the collection of the said taxes, fees and charges; and the said bond shall be recorded among the records of Kent 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.

IV. *And provided also,* That before the said Thomas Worrell, or his agents, shall proceed to collect, by execution, any taxes, fees or charges, claimed of any citizen or citizens of the said county, a full and fair account of such taxes, fees or charges, 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

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