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lection of the balances due to them as securities of John Beall, collector of the tax for Prince-George's county in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-sour and seventeen hundred and eighty-sive, may be extended unto the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three; and the same appearing reasonable, because the petitioners have but lately got possession of the books and papers of the said John Beall, and for that reason have not been able to proceed to a collection of the said balances,

H. Belt, &c. to proceed in the collection, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Humphrey Belt, Sarah Brookes, Richard Cramphin, Leonard Deakins and Samuel Shekell, securities of John Beall, collector of the taxes for Prince-George's county in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-four and seventeen hundred and eighty-five, shall have full power and authority to proceed, agreeably to law, in the collection of all balances which may be due to them as securities aforesaid, until the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed December 27.

An ACT to enable Martha Howard, executrix of Benjamin Howard, late collector of the public taxes for one of the districts of Anne-Arundel county, and late sheriff of said county, and executrix of Joseph Howard, her late husband, one of the securities of the said Benjamin Howard, to collect the balances due to him as collector and sheriff as aforesaid.

Preamble.

HEREAS it appears to this general affembly, from the petition of Martha Howard, executrix of Benjamin Howard, and of Joseph Howard, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, that Benjamin Howard was, in his life-time, collector of the public taxes in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, for one of the districts of Anne-Arundel county, and was also sherisf of said county from the month of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, until the time of his death, in the month of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and that the aforesaid Joseph Howard was one of the securities of the said Benjamin Howard, and that the collection of the taxes for the said district, and also of the county charges and officers sees in said county, was left unfinished by the said Benjamin Howard, and that the collection of the balances due in said county, is impracticable, without a power to execute for the same;

M. Howard to appoint a person to collect, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Martha Howard be and she is hereby empowered to appoint, in writing, a sit and proper person or persons to receive and collect the balances due to the said Benjamin Howard, as collector of the public taxes for one of the districts of Anne-Afundel county, and as theriff and collector of the county charges of faid county, under fuch allowance and commission as they may think proper and agree for; which person, so appointed, shall have the like power and authority to receive, collect and execute for, the arrears and balances before mentioned, as the faid Benjamin Howard at any time had as sheriff and collector as aforefaid, until the first day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and the like power and remedy to fettle with the deputies of the said Benjamin Howard, and to compel payment of any balance due from them, as the faid Benjamin Howard at any time had, and all monies, when collected, shall be applied and paid as the said Benjamin Howard, on his receipt thereof, ought to have paid and applied the same, and the balance, if any, thall be confidered as the personal estate of the said Benjamin Howard, and disposed of as such; and the said Martha Howard may take such bond and fecurity of the persons by her employed, as she may think proper: Provided, that nothing in this act shall discharge any of the securities, or the said executrix, and that no greater commission than fix per centum for collection, shall be allowed against the estate of the said Benjamin Howard.

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