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C H A P. LXXI.

to the order of the said commissioners, or any three of them, for the payment of the said interest, whenever they shall, in their discretion, determine it advisable to pay the same.

C H A P. LXXII.

Passed December 30.

An ACT to extend the time for the late sheriffs and collectors to complete their several collections.

Balances may be collected by execution, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person who executed the office of sheriff or collector in any county for the last three years, to receive and collect, by execution or otherwise, at any time before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, all balances of fund or county taxes which they have been appointed to collect during the three last years as aforesaid, in as full and ample manner as if no law to the contrary had ever been made.

Time for collecting extended, &c.

II. AND, whereas it is represented, that William M'Laughlin and Philip Graybell, the late sheriffs and collectors of Baltimore county, have not completed their collection of public dues, and it is thought reasonable to give them further time to complete the same, BE it enacted, That the limitation of time for collecting the public dues in said county shall be extended until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, subject to the same regulations and remedies as are now established by law; provided, that the same be collected without charging any fees or commission for collection, and that the commissioners of the tax allow them for insolvencies on amerciaments, in cases where the persons chargeable with such amerciaments were insolvent at the time when the said amerciaments were put into the hands of the said William M'Laughlin and Philip Graybell for collection.

C H A P. LXXIII.

Passed December 30.

An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Thomas Smyth, Hezekiah Cooper, of Kent county, Jeremiah Baker, Patrick Hamilton and George Hamilton, of Cecil county, Joseph Donaldson, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowers, John Beal Howard, Benjamin Nicholson, John Kirwan, Benjamin Laming, John Weatherburn, Caleb Tappin, Sutton Leggate, Joseph Evans, Frederick Devilbiss, Thomas Langton, William Hammond and Samuel Sterett, of Baltimore county, Richard Wheeler, Basil Burges, Marsh Mareen Duvall, Stephen Clark, Stephen Steward, Isaac Simmonds, of Anne-Arundel county, Eleanor Bowles, John Sleeth, of Washington county, Samuel Offutt, Henry Watson, David Geddes, Joseph H. Jones and George Stevens, of Montgomery county, John Kennedy and Risdon Bozman, of Somerset county, Francis King, of Calvert county, Benjamin Contee, of Charles county, Sarah Dashiell, of Queen-Anne's county, Benjamin Belt and Alexander Contee, of Prince-George's county, John Dow Cary, Benedict Woodward and John J. Schley, of Frederick county, Isaac Whitaker and Josias Hitchcock, junior, of Harford county, by their petitions to this general assembly, have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

Chancellor, on application, to direct notice to be given, &c.

II. BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of either of the said debtors to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver up to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal or mixed, to which he is any way entitled, a schedule whereof (on oath, or affirmation, as the case may require) together with a list of the creditors of the person so applying, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall, in his discretion, either direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or so many of them as can be served therewith,