

value of the whole amount put into the hands of the said principal for collection, which said bond shall be taken in double the sum to be collected by the said collector in his respective district, with condition to the like effect with the conditions of bonds entered into by the collectors of the several counties of this state, which said bond shall be witnessed by any three of the said justices, and by them shall forthwith be lodged in the clerk's office of the said county, to be there recorded.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said bonds, when executed as aforesaid, shall be a lien on the real estates of the several collectors from the sealing and delivery thereof. Bonds to be a lien.

V. And be it enacted, That each collector, appointed as aforesaid, after having given bond as aforesaid, shall have the same power in his district as is by the laws of this state given to collectors in their respective counties, and shall be entitled to a commission, not exceeding eight per cent. or less than six per cent. at the discretion of the said justices of the levy court, on the amount of the collection put into his hands, and shall proceed to complete and settle his collection in the same manner, and within the same time, and under like penalties, with the collectors of the several counties. Power given to the collectors, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That this act shall continue and be in force for the term of three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter. Duration.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to empower Philip Reed to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Kent county. Passed December 26.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Philip Reed, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, that he was elected sheriff of Kent county in the month of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, and from that time has executed the office of sheriff of Kent county, and has also been appointed and acted as collector of the public taxes and county rates during the time aforesaid, for the county aforesaid; that he was not appointed collector for the present year until some time in the month of September, and that by reason of great indisposition he has not been able to finish his collection as sheriff and collector as aforesaid, but now has many balances due and unpaid as sheriff and collector as aforesaid; and the said Philip Reed has prayed that he may be empowered to collect all such balances due and unpaid as aforesaid, in the same manner that he might have done during the time of his commission and appointment 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 reasonable, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Philip Reed be and is hereby authorized and empowered to take, demand, collect and receive, all and every sum or sums of money, quantity or quantities of tobacco, due him as sheriff and collector of the public assessment or county rates, in the same manner as he might have done were his several offices unexpired, and the said Philip Reed shall be allowed until the first day of June next to complete the collection of the balances aforesaid, and shall be allowed the same commission upon the said collections that he would have been entitled to had his several offices been unexpired. P. Reed authorized to collect, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to allow further time for collecting the balances due to Jonathan Seney, former sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased. Passed December 26.

WHEREAS by an act of November session last, the administrators of the aforesaid deceased sheriff and collector were authorized and empowered to collect the arrearages of taxes and officers fees due and owing Preamble.