

IV. And be it enacted, That in case the said vestrymen, or the major part of them, shall not, in six months after such sale made by them as before directed, be able to purchase some other tract or parcel of land more central to the parish, and more convenient to the church, then the said vestrymen, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and directed to place the money arising from the sale aforesaid out to interest, upon such security as they, or the major part of them, in their discretion, may deem good and sufficient, which interest shall be yearly paid to the rector of the parish for the time being, until the purchase as aforesaid can be made, which it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said vestrymen to make as soon as they possibly can, with a view of answering the beneficial object contemplated by this act.

C H A P. XLII. Or to place the money out to interest, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That in case the land which may or shall be purchased by the said vestrymen, in virtue of the power and authority vested in them by this act, shall not amount in price to the full sum which the said vestrymen may or shall receive for the afore-mentioned glebe-land called Wrighton, then the said vestrymen are hereby authorized and directed to purchase, with the surplus money that may remain in their hands, three per cent. stock in the funds of the United States, and to receive the interest and dividends that may accrue due on said three per cent. stock so by them purchased, and pay the same over, once in each year, to the rector of the said parish, and his successors, for ever.

Stock to be purchased, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That before the said vestrymen shall proceed in the execution of the authority vested in them by this act, they shall give bond to the state of Maryland, in such sum, and with such security, as the chancellor shall think proper and approve of, conditioned for the faithful performance of the authority and duties vested in and imposed on them by this act.

Vestrymen to give bond, &c.

C H A P. XLII.

An ACT to empower Benjamin Preston to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Harford county.

Passed December 24.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Benjamin Preston, late sheriff and collector of Harford county, that he was appointed collector of the county rates in said county for the years seventeen hundred and ninety-two, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and that he was the sheriff of said county for the years aforesaid, and in virtue of said office of sheriff a number of officers fees was also put into his hands for collection, and that, owing to a variety of circumstances, he has been unable to complete his said collections within the time prescribed by the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, and the said Benjamin Preston hath prayed he may be empowered to collect all such balances due him as aforesaid in the same manner as he might have done during the time of his commission and appointment aforesaid; and this general assembly being willing to grant him some indulgence; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Benjamin Preston be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take, demand, collect and receive, all and every sum or sums of money, quantity or quantities of tobacco, county rates and officers fees, due him as sheriff and collector aforesaid for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, in the same manner as he might have done were his several offices unexpired; and the said Benjamin Preston shall be allowed until the tenth day of October 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.

B. Preston may collect, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Benjamin Preston, or some person or persons authorized by him, shall, at least ten days before the execution or distress of property for the balances aforesaid, deliver to the person charged, or leave at his or her place of abode, a proved account, stating the

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