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XVIII.

limited by law for the payment of the county charges in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and in default thereof the said sheriff or collector shall be answerable for all interest, damages and costs, which may be payable by, or may arise or accrue to, the said commissioners, in consequence of the said default.

If not paid,
process to issue.

V. **And be it enacted,** That if the collector or sheriff, as the case may be, should not pay the said sum of money to the commissioners, or the order of a major part of them, on the day above mentioned, that it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to order a copy of the said sheriff's or collector's bond, as the case may be, to be filed in the clerk's office of the county court of Somerset county, and thereupon a common *capias ad respondendum* shall issue, and judgment or trial be had at the first court to which the *capias* is returnable, without any imparlance or delay.

How vacancies are to be filled.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That if any of the said commissioners shall die, remove out of the county, or refuse to act, the residue, or a majority of them, shall immediately thereafter proceed to nominate and appoint another to fill the vacancy.

Justices to levy money, &c.

VII. **WHEREAS** it is also represented to this general assembly, that for want of a sufficient gaol in said county that some of the inhabitants thereof were induced, by their love of justice, and a wish for the public security, to advance a considerable sum of money to defray the expences of a guard, for the safe keeping of a number of criminals committed to the custody of the sheriff of said county for the murder of a certain Joshua Knight; and it appearing reasonable and just that all the inhabitants of said county should bear an equal proportion of said expence; therefore, **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the justices of the levy court of Somerset county, at the time of laying their next county levy, be and they are hereby directed to levy on the assessable property of the said county a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred dollars, together with an allowance of six *per cent.* for collection; which sum, when collected, shall be by the sheriff or collector, as the case may be, paid to the honourable John Done, or his order, to be by him paid to the several subscribers in the proportions by them severally advanced for the maintenance and keeping up of said guard.

Money to be levied, &c.

VIII. **And,** whereas it is further represented to this general assembly, that the poor of the county of Somerset have become much more expensive to said county, by having to purchase the firewood used by said poor by the cord: And whereas it is represented, that the trustees of the said poor have it in their power to purchase a small piece of woodland, adjoining to said poor-house, by which means the expences may be greatly lessened; therefore, **Be it enacted,** That the justices of the levy court of Somerset county, at the time of laying their next county levy, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to impose on the assessable property in said county a sum of money, not exceeding four hundred dollars, together with an allowance of six *per cent.* for collection for the same; which sum, when collected, shall by the said sheriff or collector, as the case may be, be paid to the trustees of the poor of Somerset county, to be by them applied in purchasing a parcel of woodland contiguous to the poor-house of said county, not exceeding fifty acres.

To whom to be paid.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the sheriff, or other person appointed to collect the said sums of money for the payment of the expences of the guard aforesaid and for the purchase of the land for the use of the poor-house as aforesaid, shall pay the same to the several persons to whom it is directed by this act to be paid, at or before the time limited by law for the payment of the county charges of the said county for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and in default thereof they, or either of them, shall and may order a copy of the said sheriff's or collector's bond, as the case may be, to be lodged in the clerk's office of the county court of Somerset county, and thereupon a common *capias ad respondendum* shall issue; and judgment or trial be had at the first court to which the *capias*