

III. 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.

C H A P. LIX.  
Bonds to be a lien.

IV. 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 six *per cent.* on the amount of the collection put into his hands, and shall proceed to complete and settle his collections in the same manner, and within the same time, and under like penalties, with the collectors of the several counties.

Collector to have power, &c.

V. 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. LX.

An ACT for the benefit of certain foreigners who emigrated and settled in this state before the act for naturalization.

Passed January 20.

**W**HEREAS doubts are entertained whether foreigners, who emigrated to this state previously to the session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Thursday the twenty-second day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, at which the act, entitled, An act for naturalization, was passed, are entitled to the benefits of the said act: And whereas it is just and reasonable that foreigners, who emigrated to this state during our revolution, and have always manifested an attachment to our government and laws, and hazarded the important issue in common with the citizens of this state, and the descendants of such foreigners, should be protected in the property acquired by them by their laudable industry, and in confidence of the protection of our laws; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all foreigners, who emigrated and settled within the limits of Maryland before the said twenty-second day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and who have continued and remained inhabitants of this state, and the descendants of such foreigners, shall be deemed, construed and taken to have been, and they are hereby declared to have been, and to be, respectively, citizens of this state, and to have been, and to be, entitled to all and singular the immunities, privileges, rights and advantages, of natural born citizens, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said foreigners, and their descendants, had been and were respectively natives of this state; and all property, real, personal and mixed, acquired or transferred by, from, through or under the said foreigners, or their descendants, and all and every person or persons whatsoever claiming by, from or under them, by gift, grant, purchase, descent or otherwise, shall be held, possessed, enjoyed and transferred, in like manner as if the said foreigners, and their descendants, had respectively been, at the several times of acquiring or transferring such property, natural born citizens of this state.

Certain foreigners declared citizens, &c.

C H A P. LXI.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley.

Passed January 20.

**W**HEREAS an act of assembly has passed this present session for the relief of Sarah Hickley, the widow of James Hickley, late of Baltimore city, deceased, and also of Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, the children of the said James Hickley as therein mentioned: And whereas the said Samuel Hickley, one of the said children, is since dead, before the said act of assembly has been completed; therefore,

Preamble.