

land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment to the contrary notwithstanding.

XLV. AND, whereas large quantities of land to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, have been granted, disposed of or sold, by the state to different persons, and in many cases the persons to whom the same have been disposed of were vested with an estate in fee-simple therein, without any patent therefor, in virtue of an act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, and sundry supplementary acts thereto, AND BE IT ENACTED, That all lands, granted, disposed of or sold, in virtue of the said act and supplements thereto, shall be and they are hereby made chargeable with any public tax or assessment, or county charge, that is or may hereafter be laid or imposed, according to the respective value which shall be set upon any such lands in virtue of this act.

Lands made chargeable, &c.

XLVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of the land-office shall, at the time of making the list of land before directed, make out a list of all lands granted, disposed of or sold, in virtue of any of the said acts, not heretofore returned, and deliver the same, directed to the commissioners of the tax for Allegany county, sealed and endorsed as aforesaid, to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be forwarded as aforesaid.

Register to make out a list, &c.

XLVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of the death of any collector appointed in virtue of this act, and before the expiration of the time limited by law for the collection of the levy, the justices of the levy court of the said county, or a majority of them, shall, as soon after the death of the said collector as shall be convenient, meet at the usual place of meeting, and appoint from amongst the securities of such collector another collector, who shall give bond and security for the collection of the levy not collected by the former collector, and take an oath in the same manner as is herein before directed by the former collector; and in case of refusal, or if the collector appointed out of them doth not give bond as aforesaid, the said justices of the levy court, or a majority of them, shall proceed to appoint a person, who shall give bond as aforesaid, and take the oath as before directed, not confining their choice to the said securities; and the person appointed collector as aforesaid shall have the same power and authority in the collection of the said levy, within the space of one year from the time of giving bond as aforesaid, to collect said levy, as was vested in the first collector, and he and his securities may be proceeded against for a breach of duty in the same manner as against the first collector and his securities.

In case of death, justices may appoint, &c.

XLVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all fines and penalties created and imposed by this act, shall and may be recovered in the name of the state, by indictment in the county court of the county wherein the same shall accrue, and be applied, one half to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of the county; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of such county to return annually to the levy court a list of all fines and penalties imposed by virtue of this act.

Fines, &c. how to be recovered, &c.

XLIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners for the several counties and the city of Baltimore, after the several assessors shall have made the valuation of the lots, and the improvements thereon, in the several cities and towns, and their respective precincts, shall reduce the same by application of the same ratio of reduction as shall have been applied by the several commissioners to the lands and improvements in the several and respective counties.

Valuation may be reduced, &c.

L. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all real property in Allegany county, although the same shall not amount to ten pounds, shall be chargeable with any tax, assessment or charge, to be imposed in virtue of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Property made chargeable, &c.

LI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, entitled, An act to explain an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, an act, entitled, A supplement to an act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and an act directing returns to be made to commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state, and also an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and the several supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Acts repealed.