

set forth, that a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and two, authorising them to make a collection of taxes due for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, in certain districts of Anne-Arundel county, but they were advised not to undertake the collection of said taxes, in as much as payments had been made to said Alexander equal to the penalty of the bond entered into by them, conditioned for the performance of the duty of said Conn as deputy-collector, and a suit was pending between said William Alexander and them upon the bond aforesaid: And whereas they have stated that judgment not long since hath been entered against them in the late general court, for the full amount of the sum which should have been collected by said Conn, and that they have secured to be paid to said Alexander his full claim, and that taxes are still due them from the citizens residing within those districts, which they will not be able to collect unless by legislative aid; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said James Walker, John Sprigg Belt and Archibald Dorsey, the survivor or survivors of them, be and they are hereby authorised to collect all balances remaining uncollected in the districts in which Robert Conn was collector for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, at any time before the first day of October next, in the same manner as the said Robert Conn might have done while he was collector, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said James Walker, John Sprigg Belt and Archibald Dorsey, the survivor or survivors of them, shall deliver to the persons chargeable with the same, an account, written in words of full length, of the taxes demanded of them, with an annexed affidavit, if required, that the said Robert Conn hath not received, nor have they received, any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credits given, to the best of their knowledge.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said James Walker, John Sprigg Belt and Archibald Dorsey, before they derive any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge the said Robert Conn's collector's books in the clerk's office of Anne-Arundel county, to be open to the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT authorising James Hackett, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors, of Queen-Anne's county, to complete the collection of the money due the said sheriff and collectors.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to the general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of James Hackett, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors, of Queen-Anne's county, that from various causes set forth in said petition, the said sheriff and collectors were unable to collect the taxes and officers fees due them within the time limited by law, and that there is still due to the said sheriff and collectors considerable sums of money, and also praying a law may pass empowering the said securities to collect the same; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That James Hackett, Anna M. Hackett, administratrix of John B. Hackett, Sarah Harrison and John Scott, administrators of Richard E. Harrison, James Hall, Benjamin Hall, junior, William Stenson, Solomon Sparks, William H. Devorix and Robert Carson, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors of said county, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to collect, on or before the first day of December, eighteen hundred and six, all sums of money and balances owing to the said James R. Pratt, late sheriff, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors, of said county, for the years eighteen hundred one, eighteen hundred two and eighteen hundred three, in manner following, to wit: That the aforesaid securities, or such person or persons as may be deputed by them, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, for the collection aforesaid, shall, at least thirty days before execution or distress of property for the arrearages aforesaid, deliver to the person charged, or leave at his or her last place of abode, an account, stating the taxes, and the amount of fees due to the state and the officers respectively, and the said securities, or a majority of them, or their agent, shall, if they be thereunto required, make oath before a justice of the peace, that the said account was taken fairly and truly from the books of the said sheriff or collectors, as the case may be, and that it doth not appear from the said books or papers, or any memorandum left by the said sheriff or collectors, that any part or parcel of the charges