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standing; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatsoever before the passage of this act.

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An ACT authorising Joseph M'Ceney, late Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, to complete his Collection.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Joseph M'Ceney, late sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, that from various causes therein set forth, he has not been able to complete his collection within the time limited, and that there is still due to him as sheriff of said county considerable-sums of money, and praying that a law may pass to enable him to collect the same; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Joseph M'Ceney be and he is hereby authorised to collect, until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eleven, all balances due him as sheriff of Anne-Arundel county for the year eighteen hundred and nine, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said Joseph M'Ceney, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for officers fees or public dues in virtue of this act, to deliver to such person or persons chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account, written in words at full length, of the officers fees or public dues demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed, if required, that he hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of his knowledge.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Joseph M'Ceney, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge a copy of his collection books in the clerk's office of Anne-Arundel county, to be opened for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

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An ACT to lay out and open a Road from the Little Tonoloway Creek, in Washington County, to the Pennsylvania line.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William Yates, Thomas C. Brent and Henry Shryock, or a majority of them, are hereby appointed commissioners to survey and lay off a public road from the Little Tonoloway creek, at the ford near Hancock-town, to intersect a road leading from Bedford towards Hancock at the Pennsylvania line, between Jeremiah Stilwell's and Samuel Grave's; provided, that the same shall not be laid out to run over the orchard, garden, yard or meadows, of any person, without the consent of the owners thereof; and when so surveyed and laid off, to return a plot thereof to the clerk of said county, to be there filed; provided always, that the levy court, for sufficient cause, may reject said plot and return, and may direct said commissioners to return another plot of said road, and so from time to time till a plot shall be returned which shall be approved of and confirmed by said court.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of said county, if a plot shall be returned and approved of as aforesaid, be and is hereby empowered, at the next court thereafter, to appoint an overseer or overseers to clear and open said road according to said plot, and to levy such sum of money as in the discretion of said court shall be considered reasonable, for the purpose of clearing and opening said road as aforesaid, and the said road, when surveyed, laid out and opened, as aforesaid, shall be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county are.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive as a compensation the sum of two dollars for every day they shall attend for the discharge of the duties required of them by this act, and the said overseer or overseers shall receive the same compensation which the overseers of public roads respectively receive, which compensation shall be respectively levied, collected and paid, in the same manner that other county charges are.