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or of securities against whom it may be intended so to proceed, or left at their place of abode, signed by the treasurer of either shore, where the proceedings are had, or by the attorney general or deputy on behalf of the state, and proof of such notice be made to the satisfaction of the court to which such application is preferred; *And provided also*, if such debtor or security shall in person or by attorney, desire a trial by jury of any of the matters aforesaid, which shall be by them specified and desired; the court shall thereupon direct a jury to be empannelled at the same term to try and determine between the state, and such debtor or securities, the truth of the matters so specified and desired.

Provided.

Agents report to the legislature.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the agents shall at the commencement of every session of the general assembly, make a full report to each branch of the legislature, of all their proceedings under this act, and give a fair and distinct statement of the public accounts, and with whom adjusted, and of the balances, and by whom due to the state, and also the different steps and proceedings which have been taken for the recovery thereof.

Compensation to state agents.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the said agents shall receive as a compensation for their services and travelling expenses as follows, viz: the agent for the western shore, six hundred dollars; the agent of the eastern shore, three hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly by the treasurers of their respective shores; and further, whenever it shall become necessary for them to proceed against defaulters, they shall in such cases be entitled to receive the amount of commission which such defaulters may have forfeited, to be paid when the money is received into the treasury, and with regard to the old state debts due previous to the year eighteen hundred and twenty two, they shall be entitled to receive the commission on the recovery of such debts provided by the act of December session, eighteen hundred and twenty one, chapter one hundred and ninety, entitled, An act authorising the appointment of an agent.

Payments to whom made.

9. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed to authorise the state agent or agents to collect any of the debts due to the state, other than those becoming due previous to the year eighteen hundred and twenty two; but the debts becoming due since that period shall be paid to the treasurers of the western and eastern shores only, or at such banks as may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Further proceedings.

10. *And be it enacted*, That the like proceedings as are directed by the sixth section of this act, may be had and shall, in like manner, avail for the recovery of the public money, payable to the state in pursuance to the acts of assembly for raising revenue for the state, passed at the sessions of eighteen hundred and twenty one, chapter one hundred and ninety two; eighteen hundred and twenty two, chapter one hundred and thirty nine; and eighteen hundred and twenty three, chapter one hundred and fifty, which remain in arrear and unpaid by the collectors under the said several acts; and that nothing herein contained shall be held to impair any other remedy, suit or action, which this state may have been entitled to use or prosecute for the recovering of any part of the public revenue aforesaid, but any such other remedy, suit or action, may be used or proceeded upon for the purposes aforesaid.