

published in Harford County, warning all persons interested in the property sold as aforesaid to be and appear in said court by a certain day to be named in said order, to show cause, if any they have, why said sale should not be ratified and confirmed, and in those cases where no cause or sufficient cause be given against such ratification, the court shall in one order ratify and confirm all sales so made and then entitled to be ratified and confirmed, and the purchaser or purchasers thereof shall in payment of the purchase money have a good title to the property sold as aforesaid; but if in the judgment of the court cause be shown against the ratification of the sale of any property so sold, the said sale shall be set aside as to such property, in which case the said treasurer shall, within thirty days thereafter, proceed to a new sale of the property by at least three weeks' advertisement in one newspaper as aforesaid, and the report of the same as hereinbefore provided, and bring the proceeds thereon* into court, out of which the purchaser shall be repaid the money paid by him to the said which the purchaser shall be repaid the money paid by him to the said treasurer on the said rejected sale; and all taxes assessed on said property and paid by the purchaser since said sale, and costs and expenses incurred in said court, and the costs and expenses of sales, with interest on all such sums from the time of payment; and if the purchaser has not paid the purchase money or subsequent taxes such proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the taxes for which said property may have been sold, including all arrears for former years and all subsequent taxes then in arrears, with interest on the same according to law, and the cost of the proceedings; but such sale shall not be set aside if the provisions of the law shall appear to be substantially complied with and the burden of proof shall be on the exceptant to show the same to be invalid; and with reference to any sale or sales not ratified by the said order and for the purpose of making a just distribution of the proceeds of any sale ratified and confirmed, the said court may pass all such other or subsequent orders as may be just and applicable, and shall have a full and complete jurisdiction as though it were sitting as a court of equity, to pass all such orders as it shall deem just and equitable for the purpose of advancing the remedy proposed and the aim and purpose of this Act, and of doing full and complete justice to all parties interested according to the equity of the matter.

1916, ch. 680, sec. 34.

37. If for any reason payment of taxes levied is not enforced by the sale of the property on the first Monday of December next succeeding the date of the levy, then and in that case the treasurer shall have the authority at any time thereafter, upon the order of the Town Commissioners, to enforce the payment thereof by sale of the property by making up a similar list and giving similar notices to those required by Sections 35 and 36, and he shall report such sales and they shall be acted upon by the court in the manner prescribed by said sections.

*"Thereof" evidently intended.