

said commissioners, or a majority of them, by a collector of their appointment, who shall have the same power to distrain therefor as the collector of the county assessment hath to distrain for the same, in the following manner, to wit, one half thereof on the first day of June, and the remainder on the first day of January, annually; and the said collector, for the faithful performance of his duty, shall be allowed a sum not exceeding four *per cent.* commission for collection.

Collector to  
give bond, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every collector, before he acts as such, shall give bond to the state, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the commissioners, or a majority of them, in double the sum to be collected, with condition, that if the said collector, shall well and faithfully execute his office, and do and perform the several duties required of him by law, and shall well and truly account for and pay to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or to their order, the several sums of money which he shall receive or be answerable for by law, then the above obligation to be void, else of full force and effect.

Commissioners  
to employ per-  
sons, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to employ, agree and contract with, any person or persons to repair and enlarge the said market-house, and also to employ a suitable person to attend to and keep in repair the town clock in said town, and that their accounts, and monies expended under this act, shall be laid before the levy court of Frederick county for their inspection.

## C H A P. XXXV.

### An ACT to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned.

Passed Janua-  
ry 12, 1805.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person residing in Caroline, Talbot and Calvert counties, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the county in which such person shall reside, the head or heads of any crow or crows, such person shall, for every such head, be allowed in the county levy of said county the sum of ten cents, and the justices of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt or otherwise destroyed.

Persons to be  
allowed, &c.

II. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled for any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that such crow or crows was or were killed in the county where such certificate is applied for, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this or any other act now existing for the destruction of crows, to take and receive the oath or affirmation of the party bringing the same, free and clear from all charges against the person or persons making such oath or affirmation, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all acts relative to the destruction of crows in the several counties herein mentioned heretofore passed, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Acts repealed.

IV. This act to continue and be in force until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and nine.

Duration.

## C H A P. XXXVI.

### An ACT to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a market-house in the town of William's Port, in Washington county.

Passed Janua-  
ry 12, 1805.

WHEREAS by the petition of sundry inhabitants of William's Port, in Washington county, it hath been prayed, that a law may pass authorising certain persons to propose a scheme of a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a market-house on the lot or lots reserved for that purpose in the plot of the said town; and the prayer of the petition appearing reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for Jacob T. Towson, William M'Coy, Thomas Helm, John Hogg, Daniel Weisel and William S. Compton, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding four hundred dollars, and sell and dispose of the tickets in said lottery, and they are hereby autho-

A scheme may  
be proposed,  
&c.