

and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties as agent of the state, under the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to the best of his skill and judgment; the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to and endorsed on the said bond.

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23. *And be it enacted*, That the agent be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to collect any sum or sums of money due from persons residents without the state of Maryland, and if necessary to sue therefor, and he is hereby also authorised to employ counsel for the recovery of the same, and give such fee as he may think reasonable, and draw on the treasurer of the western shore therefor, who is hereby authorised to pay the amount of such order.

To collect money from persons without the state.

24. *And be it enacted*, That if the said agent shall not accept his appointment, or after the acceptance, shall not give bond, and take the oath aforesaid, before the first day of May next, or shall die, the governor and council are hereby authorised and requested to appoint a fit and proper person in his place, who shall have and execute all the authorities and powers vested in the said James Murray, of James, such person first giving security, and taking the oath aforesaid.

In case agent should not accept, governor and council to appoint.