Four Sections of an ACT of the General Assembly of the State of *Maryland*, entitled, *An Act to promote the Recruiting Service.*

AND be it enacted, That the Governor, on the Recommendation of the General Assembly, shall appoint a proper and discreet Person in every Hundred of each County of this State, who shall repair to, and require, every House-keeper within his Hundred, except Tavern-keepers, to deliver in an Account of all the Blankets, the Property of the said House-keeper, over and above the Number commonly used by the Family in the Winter Season, and shall deliver to the Collector One Half of the said Overplus: And if the said Collectors shall suspect a Concealment by any House-keeper, then the said Collector shall tender and administer to the said House-keeper the following Oath or Affirmation, viz. "I, A. B. do swear or affirm, that I will deliver in, to the "best of my Knowledge, a just and true Account of the Number of Blankets "belonging to me, over and above the Number commonly used by my Family "in the Winter Season," and the said House-keeper shall deliver to the said Collector One Half of such Overplus: And the said Collector shall deliver to every House-keeper, or his Assigns, a Certificate of the Number and Value of the Blankets, so as aforesaid received by him; which Value shall be ascertained either by Agreement, or by the Appraisement, on Oath, of an indifferent Person, to be administered by the Collector, and be paid by either of the Treasurers of this State, who shall transmit, with all convenient Speed, to the Governor and the Council, fair and exact Lists of the Number of Blankets, and from and by whom collected; and the Collectors on the Eastern Shore shall, without Loss of Time, convey to and deposit the Blankets collected on that Shore in *Chester-Town*; and the Collectors on the Western Shore shall, without Loss of Time, convey to and deposit the Blankets collected on that Shore in the City of *Annapolis* and *Baltimore-Town*; and the Governor and the Council shall appoint proper Persons to receive them, and may order the Blankets to such other Places and under the Care of such Persons as they may think proper, to be delivered out on the Order of the Governor and Council: And if any such House-keeper shall refuse to render such Account of Blankets, upon Oath or Affirmation, as aforesaid, or shall refuse to deliver such Proportion of the Overplus, as aforesaid, such House-keeper shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered in the County Court of the County where such House-keeper resides, for the Use of the State, by Indictment, or Action of Debt; and the said Collector, to whom such Refusal shall be made, is hereby required to give Information of such Refusal to the Grand Jury of the succeeding County Court.

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And be it enacted, That the Collectors shall receive Five *per Cent.* on the Value of the Blankets by them respectively collected, and shall be allowed their reasonable Charges for conveying them as aforesaid, to be paid by the Treasurer of their respective Shore.

And be it enacted, That every Person appointed Collector as aforesaid shall, before he enters on the Execution of his said Office, take the following Oath before some Justice of the Peace: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will impartially, "faithfully, and diligently, discharge the several duties of Collector, according "to an Act, entitled, *An Act to promote the Recruiting Service.*"

And be it enacted, That if any Collector appointed for any Hundred shall die or refuse to act, the Governor with the Advice of the Council may appoint a Collector for such Hundred; and every Person appointed a Collector, if he acts as such, shall, on Oath or Affirmation, if required, and under the same Penalty above imposed on a House-keeper, deliver to some Collector in his County One Half of his Overplus of Blankets, over and beyond what are commonly used by his Family in the Winter Season; and the Value thereof shall be ascertained, Certificates given, and the Money paid as before in this Act is directed.