

commissioners may authorise and compel the bailiff to kill any dog within the town whose owner cannot be ascertained, or whose ostensible owner or keeper shall by any mode or artifice evade the payment of the tax. CHAP. 70.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the twenty-first section of the original law to which this is a supplement, respecting geese and swine in the town of Cambridge, which section has been partially repealed, be and is hereby revived and in full force, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Twenty-first section of original law repealed.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid shall be authorised to hold an election on the third Monday in February next, for five commissioners, qualified as directed by the original act to which this is an additional supplement, in the same manner as is directed by the said original act. Election for commissioners.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said commissioners so chosen shall assemble on the first Monday in March next ensuing their election, instead of the first Monday in April, as directed by the original act. Annual meetings.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all subsequent elections for commissioners shall be held at the same time and in the same manner as directed by the original act. Elections.

CHAP. LXXI.

A Further Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting Possessions, and securing and confirming the Estates of Purchasers.* Passed Jan 10, 1816
* 1807, ch. 52.
Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 501.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all deeds heretofore made for conveying or passing any estate of inheritance or freehold, or declaring or limiting any use or uses, trust or trusts, or for conveying any estate or estates for above seven years, which have been acknowledged by *femes covert*, and wherein it appears by the certificate of the person or persons lawfully authorised to take such acknowledgments, that the same were made agreeably to law, or according to the act of assembly, or words to that effect, although it does not appear that the same were made by such *femes covert* on private examinations, or out of the presence and hearing of their respective husbands. shall be and the same are hereby declared to be, of the same validity and effect to pass the property and estate limited and expressed therein, as if such acknowledgment had been taken and certified in the manner heretofore required by law; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall affect the decision of any suit now depending, or in any case wherein a judgment hath been obtained, or when any person or persons having executed such defective deed, or those claiming under them, are now in possession of the property; *Provided also*, that whenever it shall appear that there has been surprise, or mistake, or fraud, in obtaining such deed or acknowledgment, this law shall not operate to make good such deed. Acknowledgment of deeds, &c.
Provisos.

CHAP. LXXII.

An Additional Supplement to the act† to regulate Public Ferries. Lib. TH. No 4, fol. 502. Passed Jan 10, 1816
† Nov. 1781, ch. 22.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act it shall and may be lawful for Keepers may be fined for neglect of duty.