

C H A P. XX.

Passed December 22.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented by a number of the merchants of Baltimore-town, that many useful regulations have taken place in consequence of the powers heretofore granted to the wardens of the port of Baltimore, but that difficulties arise in carrying them into full effect for want of the said powers being enlarged, especially with regard to mooring and stationing vessels arriving in the said harbour ;

Wardens to make rules, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the wardens of the port of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to make such rules, regulations and ordinances, from time to time, respecting the mooring and safe stationing all vessels arriving in the port of Baltimore, as they or a majority of them shall think necessary.

And levy two-pence per tun, &c.

III. *And,* to enable them to carry the said rules, regulations and ordinances, in full effect, *Be it enacted,* That the wardens of the said port of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to assess, levy and collect, on every vessel arriving at the said port of Baltimore, except pilot boats, and vessels not coming from sea, belonging to citizens of this state, a sum of money not exceeding two-pence current money per tun, to be appropriated and applied by the said board of wardens to carry into effect the rules, regulations and ordinances, that shall and may be adopted in consequence of the powers vested in them in virtue of this present act ; provided always, that no rules, regulations and ordinances, directed to be made by this act, be repugnant to the laws of this government, and provided said rules, regulations and ordinances, be published from time to time in the Baltimore news-papers.

C H A P. XXI.

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Preamble.

An ACT for the relief of William Paddison, and Sarah his wife.

WHEREAS William Paddison, and Sarah his wife, of Dorchester county, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the said William Paddison was formerly married to Anne Sherwood, who is since dead, sister to Sarah the petitioner ; that in the month of November last, the petitioners, being ignorant of the law which prohibits a man to marry his wife's sister) were married, and have since been informed, that the said marriage is void, and they liable to pay a very heavy sum, and prayed that an act might pass declaring their said marriage to be valid, and relieving them from any penalty they may have incurred by disobeying the act concerning marriages ; and this general assembly, influenced by the circumstances of the said petitioners, are disposed to grant the prayer of the said petition :

Marriage declared good, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said marriage, had and celebrated between the said William Paddison and Sarah the petitioners, shall be and is hereby declared to be good, valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and that any issue of the said marriage shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, legitimate, in the same manner as if the said marriage had not been contrary to law ; and the said petitioners shall be and they are hereby relieved and discharged from all the pains and penalties inflicted by the aforesaid act on persons intermarrying contrary thereto, any thing in the said act, or any other law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXII.

Passed December 22.
Preamble.

An ACT for the benefit of Mary Cox, of Baltimore-town.

WHEREAS James Cox, late a major in the Baltimore-town militia, fell in the cause of American freedom in the action of German-town : And whereas he left a widow and children unprovided for :

II. *Be*