

## C H A P. XX.

Passed December 19.

An ACT to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of an idiot, the child of Benjamin Bradburn, in the said county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Benjamin Bradburn, that he had a female idiot child, not more than eight years of age, which, from his extreme poverty, he is not able to maintain, therefore prays some provision may be made for the support and maintenance of the said child; and the facts appearing to this general assembly to be true,

Justices to assess money, &amp;c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Saint-Mary's county court shall have full power and authority annually to assess, on the assessable property in said county, such sum of money as they may deem sufficient for the support and maintenance of the said idiot, the child of Benjamin Bradburn, provided the said justices shall be satisfied that the said Benjamin Bradburn is unable to support and maintain the said idiot, and provided the sum so to be allowed do not exceed seven pounds ten shillings current money for any year that such allowance may be necessary.

## C H A P. XXI.

Passed December 19.

An ACT to open a road from the great falls of Gunpowder, at a place known by the name of Meredith's Ford, until it intersect the main road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town, in Pennsylvania, at a place called Burck's Old Field.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that it would be of great advantage to themselves, and the public in general, to have a road laid out from the great falls of Gunpowder, at a place known by the name of Meredith's Ford, until it intersect the main road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town, in Pennsylvania, at a place called Burck's Old Field;

Commissioners appointed, &amp;c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Abraham Rutledge, George Fitzhugh, Edmund Stanbury, Richard Britton and Luke Johnson, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes in this act mentioned; and the said commissioners, or any three or more of them, are hereby authorized to lay off and open as aforesaid, at the expence of the subscribers of the said petition, a waggon road, in the most convenient direction, not exceeding forty feet wide, from or near Meredith's Ford, on the great falls of Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, to intersect the main road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town, in Pennsylvania, at a place called Burck's Old Field; and the said road, when so laid out and completed at the expence of the said subscribers, and after the valuations herein after directed to be made, or the damages hereby directed to be assessed, shall be paid or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Baltimore county court, and be thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are directed to be kept in said county.

Who may appoint a treasurer, &amp;c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners may appoint one of their number as treasurer, who is hereby enjoined and empowered to collect and receive all monies subscribed, or that may be subscribed, for the purpose of laying out and clearing the said road, and such subscribers are hereby directed to pay their several subscriptions to the treasurer appointed as aforesaid; and if any person shall neglect or refuse to pay his subscription money, the said treasurer, or any of the said commissioners in the name of the whole, may and is hereby authorized to sue for, recover, and receive the same; and the said monies, when received, shall be applied by the said commissioners, or any two of them, to the purposes of this act.

IV. *And*