

brother, brother's daughter's husband, sister's daughter's husband, husband's brother's son, husband's sister's son; shall be and hereby is repealed and made void; and all marriages heretofore made and celebrated by and between persons related within any of the said degrees of affinity mentioned in this act, are hereby confirmed and made valid in law, to all intents and purposes, from the time of the celebration of such marriages respectively; and all penalties and forfeitures which may have been incurred under the said act, by any marriage within any of the said degrees of affinity, are hereby released and discharged, and the parties from the same for ever acquitted; and no penalties shall hereafter be incurred under the said act in consequence of any marriage within any of the said degrees of affinity herein before mentioned, but such marriage shall be good, sufficient and valid in law.

C H A P. XXXV.

C H A P. XXXVI.

An ACT to enable any of the United States to prosecute actions in any court of law or equity against any person residing within this state.

Passed Mar. 23

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any of the United States shall be considered and recognised in this state a body politic and corporate, for the purpose of commencing and prosecuting any action in any court of law or equity in this state, by the name corporate and politic, which such state assumed on the establishment of its government, against any person residing within this state, upon whom such state shall or may have any claim or demand; in which suit the same proceedings shall be had, and there shall be the same right of appeal as in other cases; provided that some citizen of this state shall become answerable by rule of the court in which such suit shall be brought, for payment of costs on behalf of such state, in case judgment or decree be rendered or given against such state.

U. States considered as a body politic, &c.

C H A P. XXXVII.

An ACT to enable John Eager Howard and George Lux, of Baltimore county, to grant and convey to the commissioners of Baltimore-town, and their successors, a parcel of ground adjoining the said town, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed Mar. 23

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, that John Eager Howard and George Lux have voluntarily offered to give and grant to the commissioners of Baltimore-town and their successors, in fee simple, a parcel of ground contiguous to the said town, for the purpose of a burying ground for strangers and others who shall hereafter depart this life in the said town, provided the leave of the legislature should be obtained for that purpose; and this general assembly being desirous of promoting the laudable and pious purposes of the said petition, have granted leave accordingly: Therefore,

Preamble,

**II.** Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, as a body politic, shall have full power and authority, to take and receive a grant from John Eager Howard and George Lux, for the said parcel of ground, to them and their successors for ever hereafter, in trust for the intent and purpose that the said parcel of ground shall, under such regulations and restrictions as the commissioners of the said town shall from time to time adopt, be used and occupied as a place of common interment for strangers, poor people and negroes, who shall die in the said town, and for no other purpose.

Commissioners may receive a grant, &c.

III. And