

land in and for Kent county, according to the law of the state of Maryland. Dec. Ses. 1817

CHAPTER 59.

An act authorising and empowering the Levy Court of Saint-Mary's County to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Elizabeth West of said County. Passed Jan 22

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of Saint-Mary's county, to assess and levy annually on the assessable property of said county, so long as they may deem necessary, such sum as to them may appear reasonable, not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of Elizabeth West, and that the same be collected annually by the collector of said county, and by him paid to the said James Cox, the petitioner, or such other person as the levy court of said county shall direct, or their order, for the purpose aforesaid. Levy to be made.

CHAPTER 60.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several Counties therein named. Passed Jan 22

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Right Reverend James Kemp, Nicholas Brice, Thomas Johnson, George Harryman, William Krebs, Owen Dorsey, Samuel J. Donaldson, Nathaniel Williams, Peter Lyttle, Thomas Hillen, and Henry Ebaugh, be and they are hereby substituted and appointed commissioners of the school fund for Baltimore county, in lieu of the persons appointed by the act to which this is a supplement, which commissioners herein named shall have and exercise all the powers and authorities vested in the commissioners for Baltimore county by the act to which this is a supplement, and they may supply all vacancies happening in their board, so that the same shall always consist of eleven members, and that all such parts of the said act as may be inconsistent with the provisions of the said act, be and the same are hereby repealed. New commissioners for Baltimore county.

CHAPTER 61.

An act to alter such parts of the Declaration of Rights, the Constitution and Form of Government, as relate to the administration of Oaths in certain cases. Passed Jan 22

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all persons professing the christian religion, who hold it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation, in the same manner that Quakers have heretofore been allowed to affirm, which affirmation shall be of the same avail as an oath to all intents and purposes whatever. Persons in certain cases allowed to affirm

2. *And be it enacted,* That before any such person shall be admitted as a witness or juror in any court of justice in this state, the court shall be satisfied, by competent testimony, that such person is conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, Court to be satisfied that person is conscientiously scrupulous.