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CHAPTER 86.

Passed Dec. 19, 1812. *An act for the relief of John Bullen, of Talbot county.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this General Assembly by the petition of John Bullen, crier of Talbot county court, that in addition to the usual and ordinary duties appertaining to his office, he has performed certain extra services, for which he has received no remuneration, and a doubt having existed in the levy court, of the power of said court, to levy for the use of the said John Bullen, a sum of money as a compensation for his extra services: *And whereas,* It is but just and reasonable that every citizen should be rewarded for his services, and this General Assembly being satisfied of the truth of the facts set forth in the petition: *Therefore,*

Levy court may assess a sum for his benefit.

BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Talbot county shall be, and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their next levy, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, such sum of money for the use of the said Bullen, as they in their opinion, shall deem a reasonable compensation for his extra services as crier, in keeping up fires during court, and in keeping the court room in proper order for the reception of the court, during the year of seventeen hundred and ninety nine, and from that time until the end of the year eighteen hundred and nine, and that the same be collected by the collector of Talbot county, and paid to the said John Bullen or his order, as other county charges are collected and paid.

CHAPTER 87.

Passed Dec. 19, 1812. *An act annulling the marriage of Elijah Shays, of Cayuga county, State of New-York, and Rose Shays, of Somerset county.*

Marriage annulled.

BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the marriage of the said Elijah Shays and Rose Shays, his wife, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely and to all intents and purposes null and void; and the said Elijah Shays and Rose Shays, his wife, are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*: *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to illegitimate the children of the said Elijah Shays and Rose Shays, his wife, born prior to the passage of this act.

Proviso.