

him: and provided also, that the said Joseph Nattali shall in all other respects conform to the requisitions of the insolvent laws of this state. Dec. Ses. 1823

CHAPTER 91.

A further supplement to the act entitled, an act for the erection of a new court house in Washington county. Passed Feb. 2, 1824.
Levy \$4000.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Washington county be, and they are hereby authorised and required to levy and assess on the assessable property of said county a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars, in two equal annual instalments which shall be paid to the commissioners of the new court house to be by them applied to the extinguishment of the debts created in and about the erection of the said court-house.

2. *And be it enacted,* That any part of the money aforesaid which may remain unexpended in the hands of the commissioners aforesaid upon a final settlement, shall be by them transferred and paid over by them to the said levy court to and for the use of the county aforesaid. Ballance.

CHAPTER 92.

An act to repeal an act entitled, an act concerning Public Worship, passed at December session, 1816, chapter 152. Passed Feb. 2, 1824.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act concerning public worship, passed at December session, 1816, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

CHAPTER 93.

An act for the relief of Robert Oliver, of the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, Robert Oliver, of the City of Baltimore, hath by his petition to the General Assembly set forth, that a certain William Knight died, seized of certain land lying in Prince George's county, called the Rope Walk Pasture, and three lots in the town of Bladensburg, distinguished by lots numbered forty-six, fifty-two, and fifty-three, and that the said Knight by his last will and testament, with the exception of certain legacies, devised all his estate both real and personal, in trust to Robert Oliver, for the use of the children of the said Robert Oliver, and that although by the expressions of said last will and testament, it evidently appears to have been the intention of the said Knight to devise the said property to the children of the said Oliver, yet inasmuch as the said Knight was not seized of said property at the time of the date of his last will, the same is supposed by strict construction not to pass by the said devise, but contrary to the intention of the testator has escheated to the state, the said Knight having died without heirs—wherefore the said Robert Oliver hath prayed this General Assembly to release to him the states' demand upon the escheated property;—Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the state of Maryland doth hereby release to the said Robert Oliver, his heirs, executors and administrators all claim to the said escheated property, and that the said Robert Oliver, his heirs and assigns, hold the same free, clear and discharged of all demands on the part of the state;—*Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall have effect to invalidate or impair the right of any person or persons in the said property, or any part thereof acquired previous to the passage of this act. State right released.

Passed Feb. 2, 1824.
Preamble.