

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday the fourth of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the relief of Robert Milligan, of Cæcil county.

WHEREAS Robert Milligan, of Cæcil county, by his ^{Preamble:} petition to this general assembly did set forth, that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, he obtained leave of the governor and council of this state to go to Great-Britain for the recovery of his health, and for the finishing of his studies in the law, having been entered of the society of the Middle Temple in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-four: That having obtained the ends of his voyage, he returned through France to Rhode-Island, and arriving in this state in October last, soon after took the oath of allegiance and support to the state before a magistrate of Cæcil county: That notwithstanding his having taken the said oath as directed by the act of assembly, he is still under the penalties and disabilities of a nonjuror, and prayed to be relieved therefrom, and to be restored to the same rights and privileges that are enjoyed by the other free citizens of this state: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the several facts stated in the petition of the said Robert Milligan are true, and that the said Robert hath always been well attached to the liberties and independence of this state, and of the United States of America; and that it is therefore just and reasonable, that he should be restored to the rights and privileges of a free citizen of this state:

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Robert Milligan hereby is, and for ever hereafter shall be, freed, relieved, and discharged, of and from all and every of the penalties and disabilities that are inflicted and imposed on nonjurors by the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the better security of government, or by any other law of this state; and that the said Robert Milligan for ever hereafter be entitled to, and shall and may have, exercise, and enjoy, all and every the same rights and privileges, to all intents and purposes, as are had, exercised, and enjoyed, by any other inhabitant or free citizen of this state, any thing in the said act, or in any other law of this state, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Rob. Milligan relieved, &c.