

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

C H A P. I.

An ACT to revive and continue the acts of assembly for re-  
gulating the militia, and to empower the governor to call  
out the militia to suppress insurrections and quiet disturb-  
ances.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act to <sup>Acts continu-</sup>  
regulate the militia, made at a session of assembly, begun and <sup>ed.</sup>  
held at the city of Annapolis, on Monday the sixteenth day of  
June, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and the several supple-  
mentary acts thereto relating, shall be and are hereby revived and con-  
tinued in full force,

II. And, That all insurrections and disturbances, which might prove  
dangerous to the state, may be timely suppressed or prevented, <sup>Governor</sup> <sup>may call mili-</sup>  
<sup>tia into ser-</sup>  
<sup>vice, &c.</sup> Be it  
enacted, That the governor, as often as such insurrections and disturb-  
ances shall happen, or he may have good cause to suspect or believe  
may speedily happen, shall have full power to call into actual service,  
without regard to classes, such part of the militia as he may judge ne-  
cessary for the preventing, quieting, or suppressing, such insurrections  
or disturbances, and the same may station at such place or places as he  
may deem proper, and shall cause them to be relieved as often as he  
shall think necessary, so as that no company or body of militia shall be  
continued on duty longer than two months in any such service.

III. And be it enacted, That the governor shall be, and he is hereby <sup>And provide</sup>  
authorised and empowered to procure and provide, on such terms and <sup>provisions,</sup>  
<sup>&c.</sup> in such manner as he may think best, proper provisions and all other  
necessaries fit and convenient for the said militia when so called into  
service.

IV. This act to continue and be in force until the next session of as- <sup>Continuance.</sup>  
sembly.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to institute and appoint a select vestry in Saint  
John parish, in Prince-George's county.

**W**H E R E A S on Easter Monday, in the year seventeen hun- <sup>Preamble.</sup>  
dred and eighty-one, several of the British ships and barges  
were up the river Patowmack, committing hostilities against  
the citizens of this state: And whereas the inhabitants of Saint John's  
parish