

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several counties in this state. Passed May 20.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the second and third clauses of the act, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several counties in this state, be and are hereby repealed. Part of an act repealed.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, and to revive another act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors. Passed May 26.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the tenth day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, be and is hereby repealed. An act repealed.

II. **Provided** always, and be it enacted, That all applications to the chancellor or county courts, as the case may be, for the benefit of the said act respecting insolvent debtors, on or before the twenty-fourth day of May, instant, and all proceedings thereon, already made or hereafter to be made or done, shall and may be carried on and perfected in the same manner as if the above recited act were in full force and virtue, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Proviso.

III. **Be it enacted**, That an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the twenty-third day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-four, be and is hereby revived, and shall be in full force, and continue until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen hereafter. An act revived.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the more effectual punishment of criminals. Passed May 27.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the commission of burglary, robbery, horse-stealing, and other crimes, hath greatly increased in this state: Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, be authorized and requested; from time to time, during the continuance of this act, to issue a commission of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for the trial of any felony, or other crime, offence or misdemeanor, at any time heretofore committed, or hereafter to be committed during the continuance of this act, in Baltimore county, and not particularly by law directed to be tried in the general court, to five persons, residents of the same county for six months next before their appointment; and after the issuing such commission, all crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed, or hereafter to be committed during the continuance of this act, in Baltimore county, and not particularly directed by law to be tried in the general court, shall be tried, heard and determined, before the said five persons, or any three or more of them, in court sitting, and not in the county court of the said county; and each of the said persons shall be a justice of the peace, and shall have jurisdiction as such within the said county in all criminal cases during the time he shall be in commission; and in case of death, resignation, or removal out of the said county, a new commission shall issue to fill up the place of the person who shall die, resign, or remove out of the said county; and no indictment found before the said justices shall be removed to the general court without their leave, or the special order of the general court, or some one of the judges of the general court, but any order by the said justices in the case of masters and servants, or apprentices, may be removed to the general court. Governor to issue a commission, &c.