

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the fifth of November, and ended the twenty-third Day of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the following LAWS were enacted :

THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes depending in the said court. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS at June term last past, the said court, from the sickness and non-attendance of some of the counsel concerned in causes then depending in the said court, were induced to adjourn the same until Monday the fifth of this instant, and the said court is now sitting, and several causes before them cannot be heard and determined for want of time; Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said court of appeals be and they are hereby authorized to continue any cause depending in the said court, until next June term, which they may think proper for a hearing on the merits between the parties, and not for delay. Court may continue causes.

C H A P. II.

An ACT authorizing certain commissioners to issue summonses for witnesses in the case therein mentioned. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS William Campbell and Robert Denny, Esquires, were appointed by the general assembly of Maryland, at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, commissioners to examine and settle the claim of William Augustine Washington against the state of Maryland, and it is now represented to this general assembly by the said William Augustine Washington, and the said commissioners, that the final adjustment and liquidation of the said claim is greatly delayed by the want of power in the said commissioners to compel the attendance of witnesses; therefore, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners on the behalf of this state to settle the said claim, shall have full power and authority to issue summonses to the sheriff of any county where witnesses, whose testimony may be wanted in the examination of the said claim, may reside, returnable within thirty days from the date thereof, and the said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to serve the same in like manner as if the said summonses had issued from any court of record in this state, and shall make due return thereof to the said commissioners, according to the tenor of the said summonses; and if any witness, so summoned, shall refuse or neglect to appear before the said commissioners on the day appointed for his attendance in the said summons, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, in their discretion, and unless good cause be shewn to the contrary, to issue an attachment of contempt, returnable forthwith, against any witness so refusing or neglecting to appear, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness shall reside or may be found, which said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to serve the same, in like manner as attachments of contempt issuing from any court of record in the state, and upon service thereof to have the body of the said witness forthwith before the said commissioners, to testify in the premises, which said witness, so Commissioners empowered to issue summonses, &c.