

pleas, process and proceedings, in the said court, now depending and returnable to the said September court, shall be in the same state and condition as they would be in on the said second Monday in December, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT to empower the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Passed 3d of  
Jan. 1800.

WHEREAS Elizabeth Purdy, of Anne-Arundel county, by her petition to this general assembly has set forth, that she, from age and indigence, is unable to support herself and four small children, (one of which, a girl, is entirely blind, and unable by any means to procure the necessaries of life,) and prays that a law may pass for the support of her said daughter out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding forty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Elizabeth Purdy's daughter, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the aforesaid Elizabeth Purdy by the collector or collectors of Anne-Arundel county, agreeable to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

Money to be  
levied, &c.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT respecting the sheriff of Talbot county.

Passed 3d of  
Jan. 1800.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the general assembly, that John Thomas, the sheriff of Talbot county, did not, during the period between the eighth day of October, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and the first day of January following, give bond with security for the faithful performance of his office for the year then next ensuing, as required by the constitution and the laws of this state, whereby the validity of his proceedings, and his responsibility to those who may have been affected by acts done by him under colour of his office, may be questioned; and the general assembly being satisfied that this omission did not proceed from design, and that neither the said John Thomas, nor any person affected by his acts, ought to suffer by reason thereof; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all lawful acts and proceedings done, performed or executed, and all powers, emoluments and rights, exercised or acquired, by the said John Thomas, by virtue of his office of sheriff of Talbot county during the year ensuing the period herein before mentioned, be and the same are hereby ratified, allowed and confirmed, to all intents and purposes, and in like manner and effect, as if the said John Thomas had given bond with approved security during the said period for the performance of his office, as required by the constitution and laws of this state.

Acts ratified,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the associate justices of Talbot county court shall, on or before the first Tuesday of January next, meet at the court-house in the said county, and require the said John Thomas to attend them on the day which they shall appoint; and thereupon the said John Thomas shall, in their presence, enter into bond, with two sufficient securities, to be approved by the said justices, in the penalty of five thousand pounds current money, in the said state of Maryland, in the penalty of five thousand pounds current money, in the said state of Maryland, "that if the said John Thomas shall render to the several officers within this state, and give account of all fees placed in his hands for collection, and shall also well and truly pay all sums of money received by him, and also pay and satisfy all public dues, fines and forfeitures, which are due or belonging to this state, and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sum or sums of money, tobacco, goods, chattels or property, by him levied, seized or taken, agreeably to the directions of the writ, process or warrant, under which the same shall have been levied, seized or taken; and shall also pay and satisfy all judgments which may have been rendered against him as sheriff of the said county, and shall and will in all things satisfy, save harmless and indemnify, all and all manner of person or persons who shall have been, or may be, aggrieved, affected or damnified, by any act, omission, misfeasance or neglect, done, suffered or committed, by him the said John Thomas, in virtue or under colour of his said office during the preceding year of his shrievalty, then the said bond to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue;" and the said justices shall attest and certify the execution

Associate jus-  
tices to meet,  
&c.