

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 4th of November, in the year of our Lord 1805, and ended the 28th day of January, 1806, the following Laws were enacted.

ROBERT BOWIE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Passed 25th of January, 1806.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds for his salary.

C H A P. II.

An ACT granting leave to the trustees of Bethel congregation, in Harford county, to receive a deed for, and hold, the land therein mentioned. Passed 25th of January, 1806.

WHEREAS the trustees of Bethel congregation, by their petition to this general assembly, have represented, that the said congregation bought three acres of land under lease, for the purpose of building a house of worship, and paid for the same, a considerable time before the American revolution; that they erected a house of worship thereon, and laid out a portion thereof for a burying-ground, which hath been used for these purposes ever since; that the said congregation hath been incorporated according to law, and have purchased the fee in said three acres from the state, and have paid the composition money into the treasury, and did appoint Thomas Hope, a member of the society, to obtain a patent for the same for the use of said congregation, and that the patent hath issued in his name accordingly, and that he being advanced in years, is desirous to convey the same to the said trustees, but they are precluded from receiving the same by the declaration of rights, without leave of the legislature; they also represent, that any diminution will most materially injure said lot, either by taking away the church or excluding a large part of the burying-ground, they therefore pray that a law may pass granting leave, and authorising the said Thomas Hope, to convey to said trustees, and their successors, the said three acres of land for the purposes aforesaid; and the same being considered reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the leave of this legislature is hereby given to the said Thomas Hope to convey to the trustees of Bethel congregation, and their successors, in fee, by deed of bargain and sale, to be executed, acknowledged and recorded, according to law, all and singular the three acres of land, whereon is erected the house of worship, and which includes the burying-ground, belonging to said congregation, and the said trustees, and their successors, are hereby authorised and empowered to hold the same for the purposes aforesaid for ever hereafter.

C H A P. III.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Webb, of Montgomery county. Passed 25th of January, 1806.

WHEREAS Thomas Webb, of Montgomery county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since his emigration and settlement as aforesaid, has acquired real property therein, and his title to such property, from his not having become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question, to his great detriment and injury; therefore,