

1805. NOVEMBER.

L A W S OF M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. XCV.

Passed 27th of
January, 1806.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of the levy court of Baltimore county, that the mode for many years adopted in the government and support of the alms-house of said county is susceptible of considerable improvement; and it appearing to this general assembly that certain changes and alterations may be made with considerable advantage to the inhabitants of said county, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of March next, all the power, authority and jurisdiction, heretofore had, held and exercised, by the trustees of the alms-house and work-house of Baltimore county, (except the power of filling up their own vacancies,) shall be had, held and exercised, by the levy court of said county, and that the trustees of the said alms-house shall deliver over, upon request, to the said levy court, all books, accounts, papers and proceedings, relating to the affairs of the said alms-house, copies or transcripts of which books, papers and proceedings, it shall be the duty of the said court to allow the trustees to make out and take when required.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said levy court to appoint and authorise a purveyor of provisions to the said alms-house, whose duty it shall be to provide and furnish provisions for the said alms-house, under the directions of the said court, to whom he shall annually return a statement, or account, of his receipts and expenditures, to be examined and passed at their discretion.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said purveyor to give bond and security, to be approved by the court aforesaid, in such penalty as the said court shall direct, to the said court, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him, and upon failure to comply with the conditions of said bond, it shall and may be lawful for the said court to order and direct the said bond to be put in suit, and any sum or sums of money to be recovered in such suit or suits shall be applied to the use and benefit of the said alms-house.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said court to allow a salary to the said purveyor, not exceeding four *per cent.* upon the amount of the money expended by the said purveyor, under the direction of the said court as aforesaid, which said salary shall be paid out of the monies levied and collected for the use and support of the said institution.

C H A P. XCVI.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT to suspend the operation of the part of the act of assembly therein mentioned.

WHEREAS by the last section of the act, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, passed at the present session, it is enacted, that the fees due to the officers therein mentioned shall be sent out in pounds shillings and pence, and not in tobacco as heretofore, and in as much as the fees may already have been made out in tobacco, and therefore the immediate change would be attended with considerable inconvenience; for remedy whereof,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the operation of the said section of the above recited act be and the same is hereby suspended until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seven, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XCVII.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

WHEREAS by the constitution of this state it is provided, that every free white male citizen of this state, and no other, having resided twelve months in the county next preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and every free white male citizen of this state above twenty-one years of age, and having obtained a residence of twelve months next preceding the election in the city of Baltimore or the city of Annapolis, and at which he offers to vote, shall have a right of suffrage, and shall vote, by ballot, in the election of such county or city, or either of them, for