

An ACT annulling the marriage of John C. Hatton and Elizabeth Hatton, of Somerset county.

Passed 20th of Dec. 1808.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said John C. Hatton, and Elizabeth his wife, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, null and void; and the said John C. Hatton, and Elizabeth his wife, are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to illegitimate any issue of the said John C. Hatton and Elizabeth Hatton born prior to the passage of this act.

Marriage declared void.

An ACT granting leave to the trustees of the Lower West Nottingham congregation, in Cæcil county, and their successors, to receive a deed or deeds for and hold the lands therein mentioned.

Passed 20th of Dec. 1808.

WHEREAS the trustees of Lower West Nottingham presbyterian congregation, by their petition to this general assembly have represented, that many years since a division took place in said congregation, and in consequence thereof two houses of worship were erected, with a graveyard attached to each, which hath been used for those purposes for many years; that a re-union of said congregation hath since taken place, and that they have, at considerable expense, erected a meeting-house and session-house, and have also enclosed a burial-ground on a lot of land more central to said congregation; that they have been lately incorporated according to law, and the trustees have prayed this general assembly for leave that themselves and their successors may hold, in trust, for ever, for the sole and exclusive use of said congregation, the above three lots of land, on each of which there is a burial-ground, and containing in the whole five acres and twenty-three perches and an half perch of land; therefore,

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II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the leave of the legislature is hereby given to James Cummings, James Evans, David Edmiston, Elihu Hall, Robert Evans, and others, holding lands, in trust, for the use of Lower West Nottingham presbyterian congregation, to convey to the trustees of said congregation, and their successors, in fee, by deed or deeds of bargain and sale, to be executed, acknowledged and recorded, according to law, all and singular the above three lots of land, containing five acres twenty-three perches and five tenths of a perch of land, on one of which lots is erected a house of worship and session-house, and includes a new burial-ground, the other two lots being used as burial-grounds only by 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.

Leave given to J. Cummings, &c.

An ACT authorising James Cochran to complete his collection.

Passed 20th of Dec. 1808.

WHEREAS James Cochran, collector of the first collection district of Cæcil county, has by his petition to this general assembly set forth, that he has been unable to complete his collection, owing to the low price of grain, and little demand for it, and the great scarcity of circulating cash among the people, and other unavoidable causes, and pray that longer time may be allowed him to complete the same; therefore,

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II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said James Cochran be authorised to collect all balances due him as collector, at any time before the first day of June, eighteen hundred and nine, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Cochran to collect, &c.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said James Cochran, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes, shall, at least thirty days before such execution or distress, deliver to the person or persons chargeable with the same, an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed to the same, that no part thereof, nor any thing in security or satisfaction for the same, hath been received, more than credit given.

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