

C H A P. XLIV. when so made and returned, shall be thereupon levied by said court on the assessable property of Harford county, and shall be collected and paid to the said John Norris, or order, as other county charges are levied, collected and paid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the commissioners shall proceed to ascertain such damages, they shall take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before some person competent to administer the same, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will faithfully, without favour or partiality, ascertain the damages, if any, sustained by John Norris, by reason of a road passing through his land, in pursuance of a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, chapter twenty-one."

C H A P. XLV.

Passed December 23, 1810.

An ACT annulling the marriage of Abraham Parks, and Eleanor his wife, of Baltimore County.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said Abraham Parks, and Eleanor his wife, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely, to all intents and purposes, null and void; and the said Abraham Parks, and Eleanor his wife, are declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act contained be construed to illegitimate the children of the said Abraham Parks and Eleanor Parks, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XLVI.

Passed December 23, 1810.

An ACT to reduce the per diem of the Judges and Clerks of Elections in Allegany County.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the judges and clerks of elections in Allegany county, shall each of them be allowed, for every election at which they respectively attend, and for making the returns of the said election, the sum of two dollars per day, and no more, to be levied and paid as other county charges, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XLVII.

Passed December 23, 1810.

An ACT for the relief of John Carruthers, of the City of Baltimore, an Insolvent Debtor.

WHEREAS John Carruthers, of the city of Baltimore, has stated to this general assembly of Maryland, that he is unable to pay his debts; that he has transferred all his property to Messieurs Grundy's and Crosdale, for the benefit of his creditors; that all his creditors in America have assented to discharge him from any future liability as to their claims; that he has certain foreign creditors who have not been consulted or assented to his discharge; that he has now an opportunity of beneficially employing himself, by going to India; that he is apprehensive that his creditors abroad may, by the institutions of suits against him, prevent any future exertions for a support; that if he is compelled to remain here to pursue the directions of the several insolvent laws of this state, he cannot embrace the opportunity that now offers, and therefore prays an act to release him from his debts, upon his taking the oath, and executing the deed, required by the act of eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Baltimore county court, or any one of the judges thereof, to extend to the said John Carruthers the benefit of the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and of the several supplements thereto, without any proof that the said John Carruthers has given the notice required by the said act, and the several supplements thereto.

C H A P. XLVIII

Passed December 23, 1810.

An ACT to widen and alter the direction of Ten Feet Lane, in the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that it would add much to the beauty and public convenience of the city of Baltimore, to widen and alter the direction of that part of Ten Feet lane which lies between Chatham-street and Vulcan-alley; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and directed, upon the application of Caleb Dor-