

C H A P.
LXVIII.

profit or trust under the government of the United States, and doubts are entertained as to the validity of acts done under their authority; therefore,

Acts done de-
clared valid,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person holding, or having held, an office of profit or trust under the government of the United States since the twenty-second day of December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, hath acted, or shall have acted at the same time, as an officer under the government of this state, in every such case all and singular the act and acts done, performed or executed, by or before such person, by virtue of his official authority under this state, and within the proper limits of his jurisdiction, shall be and the same are hereby declared valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, in like manner as if such officers, at the time of doing or performing such acts, had not held any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States.

Penalty for ex-
ecuting certain
powers, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person having accepted and holding any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States, or whose office under this state shall be vacated by the late provisions of the constitution and form of government of this state, shall, after the first day of March next, exercise, perform or execute, any of the powers or duties of any office under the authority of this state, every such person shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for every offence, to be recovered by indictment in the county court of the county wherein such offender shall reside, and moreover shall be answerable for all damages which may be sustained by any other person by reason or in consequence thereof, to be recovered by a special action upon the case.

C H A P. LXIX.

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Jan. 1800.

An ACT to enable the justices of Anne-Arundel county court to license and regulate a public ferry over South river, in said county.

Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 316.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a road has been laid out by law from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and a public ferry is about to be erected at a convenient place over South river, where the said road crosses,

Licence may be
granted, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county court may, at their discretion, grant a licence for regulating the said ferry as a county ferry, if in their opinion it will be for the benefit and advantage of said county.

C H A P. LXX.

An ACT relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county.

Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 317.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the present laws relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county are in part inadequate to the purposes for which they were intended; therefore,

Justices to levy
money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court for Queen-Anne's county, or a majority of them, at their annual meeting at the time for holding their levy court at the court-house in Centre-Ville, shall levy, by equal assessment, on the assessable property within the said county, a sum of money not exceeding three shillings on every hundred pounds of assessable property, to be collected as other county taxes, and paid to the justices of the levy court, or to their order, and shall be applied towards freighting, amending and keeping in repair, the public roads in the said county; and the said justices, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the public roads in the said county, and shall apportion the same in just proportions among all the public roads of the said county, regarding the situation and quantity of labour necessary for the improvement of such roads.

Roads to be de-
scribed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court for the county aforesaid, or a majority of them, when so met together as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to describe, ascertain, and distinctly record in a well bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, the several and respective public roads in the said county, and to nominate and appoint, by warrant under the hand of the clerk, and seal of his office, capable and proper persons as super-
visors of the several and respective roads aforesaid, according to the number and divisions of the said roads,