

1796.

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

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government.

WHEREAS those who dedicate their time, abilities and labour, to the public, ought to receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for their services;

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following officers of civil government for the time being shall be entitled to receive at the rate of the following salaries, in current money, for the ensuing year, to wit: The treasurer of the western shore six hundred and fifty, the treasurer of the eastern shore one hundred and sixty-four, the auditor two hundred and fifty, the clerk of the council two hundred and fifty, the clerk of the senate fifty, the clerk of the house of delegates one hundred, the printer to the state five hundred, the messenger to the council seventy-five pounds.

III. *And be it enacted,* That all monies which shall remain in the treasury after discharging the journal of accounts, and all monies heretofore appropriated to the use of congress, which shall hereafter be received, and all unappropriated money which may come into the treasury, be first applied to the payment of the civil list for the ensuing year.

C H A P. X.

An ACT for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, that Peter Dent, in his life-time, for many years acted as inspector at Pomonkey warehouse in said county, and that he discharged his duty honestly and faithfully in that station; that some time in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, during the late war, when a squadron of enemy ships were in the river Patowmack, a number of hogheads of tobacco were taken out of the said warehouse, for the purpose of defence, by the militia then assembled, and the said tobacco, so taken out, lay exposed a considerable time to the weather, and several hogheads were stolen and lost, which circumstance, with that of the shattered and decayed situation of the warehouse, rendered it impossible that he could preserve the whole of the tobacco for delivery to the owners: And whereas it appears unreasonable and unjust that the estate of the said Peter Dent be burthened with the loss of the tobacco thus incurred,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the levy court of Charles county be and they are hereby empowered and directed, at their next levy court, to make strict inquiry into all the circumstances of the petitioners case, and if, upon such inquiry, they shall be of opinion that the estate of the said Peter Dent has sustained any loss or damage by tobacco being taken out of said warehouse by the militia, or by the shattered and decayed situation of said warehouse, and not by the negligence or inattention of the said Peter Dent while inspector thereof, they shall levy on the assessable property of Charles county a sum of money equivalent to the quantity of tobacco so lost, to the estate of the said Peter Dent, with the usual expence of collecting the same; and the same, when collected, shall be paid to the said Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, as administrators of the said Peter Dent.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for erecting a new bridge over Dividing Creek, between the counties of Somerset and Worcester.

WHEREAS it is represented, that the bridge across the creek called Dividing Creek is in a ruinous condition, and almost impassable for want of repairs; therefore,

II. *Be*

Passed December 30.

Preamble.

Officers salaries.

Monies appropriated.

Passed December 30.

Preamble.

Justices to make inquiry, &c.

Passed December 30.

Preamble.