

Proviso.

**SEC. 5.** *Provided nevertheless,* That whenever any subject of France shall become seized in fee of any real estate within this state, by virtue of any such last will or testament, or by inheritance, as aforesaid, his or her estate therein, after the term of ten years be expired, shall vest in the state, unless the person seized of the same, within that time, either come to settle in and become a citizen of this state, or infeoff thereof some citizen of this, or some other of the United States of America.

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CHAPTER 18.

AN ACT to abolish for ever the payment of Quit-rent.

Preamble.

**WHEREAS** it appears to this general assembly highly improper for, and derogatory to, the citizens of this sovereign and independent state, to pay quit-rent or tribute to the subject of any foreign prince, and that not only their honour and dignity, but their safety, requires, that no subject of an enemy should draw a revenue from this state: And whereas since the present glorious revolution, the payment of quit-rent has ceased throughout the United States, and sound policy dictates, that the citizens of this state should hold their lands on equal terms with the citizens of the other states: And whereas the payment of quit-rent, from the declaration of independence, hath ceased and of right ought to cease, being an acknowledgment of a seigniori incompatible with the absolute sovereignty of this free and independent state;

Quit-rents  
abolished.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the citizens thereof, from the declaration of independence, and for ever thereafter, be, and they are hereby declared to be, exonerated and discharged from the payment of the aforesaid quit-rent, and that the same shall be forever abolished and discontinued.

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CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT for licensing and regulating Ordinary-Keepers.

Supplements and other laws connected therewith, are 1784, ch. 7, 37; 1791, ch. 58; 1806, ch. 31; 1816, ch. 193; 1817, ch. 227; 1824, ch. 158; 1827, ch. 117; 1828, ch. 85; 1830, ch. 184; 1831, ch. 262, 298, 323; 1832, ch. 273; 1833, ch. 266; 1834, ch. 232; 1837, ch. 124.

**SEC. 1, 2.** The power to grant licenses is transferred by 1827, ch. 117, sec. 8, to the clerks of the several counties and to the clerk of the city of Baltimore, and the price for ordinary licenses is regulated therein, and by the supplements thereto. See the preceding list of acts, and therefore these sections are superseded.

Sheriffs to  
collect  
fines, &c.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That the several sheriffs shall collect and receive all fines and forfeitures arising on the breach of any part of this act, and the clerk of each respective county shall keep a true and exact entry of all ordinary-keepers, to whom such licenses are granted, and of all fines and forfeitures