indemnify such county from any charge for the maintenance of such child or children.

Constable to make information &c.

SEC. 3. And, to the end that the several counties within this state may more effectually be secured from the burthen of maintaining illegitimate children, Be it enacted, That every constable shall, as often as he may have knowledge of any free woman having an illegitimate child within his hundred, make information thereof to the next, or some justice of the peace for his county, upon which information, or the matter coming to his own knowledge, such justice is hereby required to proceed as by the act above recited, and this act, is directed.

Part of two acts repealed.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That two acts of assembly, made, the one at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis in the year seventeen hundred and fifteen, entitled,

*Chap. 27. *an act for punishing the offences of adultery and fornication, the other, at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-fourth day of May, in the year seven-† Chap. 12. teen hundred and forty-nine, entitled, †an act for taking off cor-

poral punishment inflicted on females having base born children, and other purposes therein mentioned, so far as the said acts respect the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication, be and are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER '49.

An Acr to declare and ascertain the right of citizens of this state to private roads or ways.

Repealed by 1834, ch. 253; a supplement 1832, ch. 292.

CHAPTER 53.

An Acr to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment.

This law, has lost its general operation, by the various local enactments, prescribing rule for the assessment and valuation of real and personal property, which will be found under the subdivision of 'Public Local Law,' and will be distributed to the counties on which it now operates.

CHAPTER 66.

An Acr ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property.

SEC. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, apply to a class of cases occurring before the passage of this law.

Reserves taken off. &c.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That all reserves made of any land in this state, for which no patent ever issued, (except only the reserve to the westward of Fort Cumberland, and the reserves of the city of Annapolis and Baltimore town, shall be taken off, and any land within the said reserves may be taken up as other vacant land, at the price of seven shillings and sixpence current money per acre,* or at such other price as such