

to seven and an half per cent. for their trouble in selling and disposing thereof, and paying the same away in pursuance of such order or decree as the chancellor shall, on consideration of all circumstances, think just and right.

See as to commission on sales of the real estates of minors, 1816, ch. 165.

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free.

Repealed by 1817, ch. 104.

NOVEMBER, 1787.—CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT to enable the Governor to issue commissions of Oyer and Terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases.

WHEREAS from the present insecure situation of many of the public gaols of this state, and the great hazard and danger of keeping prisoners until they are brought to trial at the stated and fixed times of holding courts, as established by law, it is thought reasonable, for the more effectually expediting of justice, that the governor be invested with power to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery ;

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor for the time being, upon application being made, shall have full power and authority to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, for the trial of all crimes, offences and misdemeanours whatsoever, that have arisen or may arise in any county within this state, whenever it shall appear to him that there is a necessity such commission should issue.

SEC. 3. This act to continue three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Continued by 1791, ch. 84, to 30th October, 1798, &c. and by 1798, ch. 71, enacted into a permanent law.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to repeal part of an Act, entitled, *an Act to appropriate certain land to the use of the Officers and Soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following words of the above mentioned act, to wit: 'And before any grant shall issue on any certificate expressing more than one boundary for the beginning, the owner shall make oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) that he knows or believes that the distances mentioned in the certificate were actually run, and that no more land is contained by the lines and boundaries than returned by the surveyor,' be and are hereby repealed.