

NOVEMBER, 1807.—CHAPTER 19.

1799, ch. 82. A further SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act for appointing a Wreckmaster in Worcester County.

See 1806, ch. 58.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that during the recess of the county court of Worcester county, the office of wreckmaster becomes vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, and the person appointed to said office is by law directed to give bond and security in the county court where he resides, before he enter upon the duties of his office, by reason whereof the community may be deprived of the services of said officer at times when they are most necessary; therefore,

Clerk of the county where wreckmaster resides to take bond, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the clerk of the county where the wreckmaster, appointed during the vacation of the county court, resides, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take bond and security from the said wreckmaster, in the same manner, and upon the same terms and conditions, as the county court of the said county when in session are authorized; and empowered at their next term, or at any time thereafter, to call upon the said wreckmaster to give a new bond with security, of the same tenor, and in lieu of the bond taken by the said county clerk; and in case the said wreckmaster shall neglect or refuse to give the said new bond as required by the said county court, then and in such case the said wreckmaster shall be, and he is hereby declared to be, in the same situation as if no bond had been given by him.

CHAPTER 52.

AN ACT for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the Estates of Purchasers.

See note 1715, ch. 47, ante page 35.

Preamble.

WHEREAS deeds for conveying lands, and other real estates, have been executed and acknowledged by femes covert, and doubts are entertained whether they are effectual to convey the property therein contained, because the precise form of acknowledgment had not been pursued: And whereas doubts are also entertained whether deeds acknowledged under a power of attorney, in the name of the attorney, and not in the name of the principal, are valid: And whereas doubts are also entertained whether deeds acknowledged before two justices of the peace, who were not justices of the county court, are valid: And whereas also deeds of bargain and sale have been executed, without having been indented, under which deeds property has long been peaceably held; and if such deeds are adjudged to be void, bona fide purchasers will be greatly injured, and