

CHAPTER 100.

AN ACT to provide for old and infirm Negro Slaves belonging to deceased persons estates.

WHEREAS, it appears to this general assembly, that old or infirm negro slaves belonging to deceased persons estates which on settlement, prove to be insolvent, are frequently subjected to great suffering and want; Therefore, Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the levy courts in the several counties of this state, be, and they are hereby authorized and required to make such suitable provision for all old and infirm negro slaves belonging to insolvent estates of deceased persons as in their judgment may be necessary for their support and maintenance. Provision authorized.

CHAPTER 131.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,* entitled, an Act to regulate Lotteries. * 1817, ch. 154.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the act entitled, an act to regulate lotteries, as authorizes the governor and council, to appoint two additional commissioners of lotteries, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

CHAPTER 133.

AN ACT giving compulsory process after summons to procure the attendance of Witnesses in causes and other proceedings in the High Court of Chancery, or in the County Courts as Courts of Equity.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases hereafter, when any witness shall have been summoned by a commissioner or auditor appointed by chancery or any of the county courts as courts of equity, to take evidence in any cause or proceeding in said courts, to appear before such commissioner or auditor to give testimony in such cause or proceeding, and shall refuse or neglect to obey such summons, or attending, shall refuse to answer such interrogatories, as are propounded to him before such commissioner or auditor, in all and each of such cases, it shall be the duty of the said commissioner or auditor at the request of either party to such suit or proceeding, immediately to certify such default or neglect under his hand as such commissioner or auditor to the register or clerk of such court, whose duty it shall be upon receipt of such certificate forthwith to issue process of attachment against the person mentioned in such certificate, and the said court is hereby authorized and empowered to allow such process to compel his or her attendance to give evidence in such cause before the chancellor or county court as a court of equity in Proceedings directed.