John Francis Mercer, Esquire, Governor.

CHAP. VII.

An Act for the benefit of Benjamin Ward, of Prince-George's County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 6. A Private Act.

Passed Dec. 31

An Act to authorise the continuance of certain Causes in the Court Passed Bec. 31. of Appeals. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 7.

WHEREAS the indispensable engagements of the bar prevent their Preamble. arguing causes of much consequence depending in the court of ap-

peals, and which causes cannot by law continue,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Judges may conthe judges of the court of appeals shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to continue any cause or causes now des and pending in said court to and during June session next, if in their opinion such continuance shall be necessary for the purpose of having said causes decided on their merits.

3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the judges of the court of And reinstate eerappeals shall have power, and authority is hereby given to them, to have good of the reinstate and continue to and during their next term, any cause or causes that have gone off the docket by reason of the indisposition of one of the judges, if in their opinion such reinstatements and continuances are necessary to the merits of any such case.

CHAP. IX.

An Act to alter the times of holding the County Courts in Frederick Passed Dec. 31 and Washington Counties. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 8.

A Supplement, ch. 39. The times of holding the courts in both counties changed by 1805, ch. 65; s. 21, and 1815, ch. 12.

In Act to open a Road from Hancock-Town, in Washington County, Passed Dec. 31. by William Tong's Mill, to intersect a Road from Cumberland, in Allegany County, to Sidling Hill Creek. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 8. A Supplement 1802, ch. 48.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the pe-Preamble. tition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, that it would be of great advantage to themselves, and the public in general, to have a road laid out from Hancock-town, to intersect a road from Cumberland to Sidling hill;

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That commissioners ap William Tong, Lancelot Jacques and Thomas C. Brent, be and fointed to lay out they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and open as aforesaid, at the expense of the subscribers to the said road, a wagon road, in the most convenient direction, not exceeding forty feet wide, from Hancock-town, in Washington county, by William Tong's mill, to intersect a road leading from Cumberland to Sidling hill creek; and the said road. when so laid out and completed at the expense of the said subscribers, and after the valuation herein after directed to be made, or the damages hereby directed to be assessed, shall be paid or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Washington county, and be thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are directed to be kept in said county.