

## CHAP. 67.

A. Sutherland to be supported as an out-pensioner.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor of the said county of Montgomery, if they shall be of opinion that the peculiar circumstances of the said Alexander Sutherland are such as to render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable for him, to support him as an outpensioner, in addition to the number now allowed by the act (a), entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein designated, and to allow the said Alexander Sutherland an annual pension not exceeding thirty dollars, to be paid at such time or times as the said trustees shall direct, the amount of which said pension shall be levied in the same manner as the other expenses of the poor-house in the said county.

(a) 1799, ch. 65. See 1800, ch. 73.

## CHAP. LXVIII.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act for the relief of John Fairbank, of Anne-Arundel County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 127. A Private Act.

## CHAP. LXIX.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act for the relief of Hugh Coyle, of Frederick County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 128. A Private Act.

## CHAP. LXX.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act to prevent the obstruction of the Navigation of the Western Branch of Patuxent River. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 128.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wears and hedges have of late been erected in and upon the western branch of Patuxent river, near the town of Upper-Marlborough, to the great injury of the navigation of said river, and of the trade of the said town; therefore,

Wears declared nuisances, and may be pulled down.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in the western branch of Patuxent river, below the bridge where the road leading from said town to the town of Queen-Anne crosses the said branch, shall be and are hereby deemed and declared nuisances, and may be by any person or persons pulled down, prostrated and abated as such.

Penalty for erecting them.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any free person shall, at any time hereafter, put, place or make, or caused to be made, placed or directed, any wear or hedge in the said western branch of Patuxent river, below the said bridge, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, one half to be paid to the informer, or him or them that will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to be paid to the said justice of the peace, to be by him annually accounted for and paid over to the order of the levy court of Prince-George's county.

—For fishing them.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any free person or persons shall fish, or cause to be fished, any such wear or hedge, he, she or they, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be recovered, accounted for and applied as aforesaid.

—On slaves of fishing.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any slave or slaves shall, without the direction of his, her or their master, mistress or over-