

better that some order should be taken respecting them, so that they may be sold, and the money arising therefrom brought into the treasury; therefore, CHAP. 105.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the land included in any lot or lots westward of Fort Cumberland, which was laid off into lots under the authority of this state, that have not been sold or otherwise disposed of by the state, be and the same is, after the first day of September next, hereby made liable to be taken up and secured as vacant land in said county may be taken up and secured. Certain lots may be taken up as vacant land.

CHAP. CVI.

An Act to continue an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Maryland Insurance Company, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five.* Passed Jan. 19 1862
Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 698. * Ch. 60.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the Maryland Insurance Company, that their charter of incorporation is about to expire, and they pray an extension of the same; and the said prayer appearing reasonable, therefore, Preamble

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Maryland Insurance Company, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, be and the same is hereby continued until the first day of February, eighteen hundred and twenty, and until the end of the next session of assembly that may happen thereafter. An act continued

CHAP. CVII.

A Further Supplement to the act, (a) entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the High Court of Chancery. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 699. Passed Jan. 19 1862

(a) 1785, ch 72. See 1806, ch 55; 1807, ch. 140; May 1813, ch. 21.

WHEREAS the acts of assembly of this state giving power to the chancellor to decree in certain cases against persons residing out of the jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, do not extend the said power to cases where the party or parties against whom relief is or may be wanted have or shall remove out of this state to parts unknown, and it cannot be ascertained whether the said party be dead or living, or if dead, who are the legal representatives of such person or persons; therefore, Preamble

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where any person or persons are bound by any contract or agreement, and are not residents of this state, or to be found therein, and it cannot be ascertained whether the said party or parties be dead or living, and if dead, who are the legal representatives of such person or persons, or whether they have left any, if a bill is filed against such person or persons, to compel a specific performance of such contract or agreement, the chancellor may, without the appearance of the absent parties, at discretion, either take the bill *pro confesso*, or issue a commission for taking depositions, which commission may be executed *ex parte*, on the non-appearance of the defendant or defendants in person, or by solicitor or agent, and on the taking *pro confesso*, or return of the commission, the chancellor may proceed to such decree as the justice and equity of the case may require; *Provided*, that the complainant or petitioner shall give at least six months notice of his or her application, in such Chancellor may, in cases of non-residents, &c. issue commission for taking depositions, &c.
Provided