

CHAP. 79.

Not to prevent the
erection of brid-
ges.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act, or any thing herein contained, shall not hinder, or be construed to hinder or prevent, the erecting, or causing to be erected, any bridge or bridges over said river Monocacy, with convenient arches for admitting of boats, and other vessels of burthen, passing through the same, with the least obstruction that may be.

Act to be given
in charge to grand
jury.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of Frederick county court, at every term, to give this act in charge to the grand jury.

CHAP. LXXX.

Passed Jan. 4, 1807

An Act annulling the Marriage of Sally Lutig, of the City of Baltimore. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 275.

CHAP. LXXXI.

Passed Jan 4, 1807

An Act to restrain the evil practices arising from Negroes keeping Dogs, and to prohibit them from carrying Guns or offensive weapons. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 275.

See 1805, ch. 80.

Negroes prohibi-
ted from keeping
dogs or guns, &c.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any negro or mulatto within this state to keep any dog, bitch or gun, except he be a free negro or mulatto, and in that case he may be permitted to keep one dog, provided such free negro or mulatto shall obtain a licence from a justice of the peace for that purpose, and that the said licence shall be in force for one year, and no longer, and if any dog or bitch owned by any negro, not possessed of such licence, shall be seen going at large, it shall and may be lawful for any person to kill the same, and in case of any suit instituted therefor, the person or persons killing the said dog or bitch may plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence.

Free negroes pro-
hibited going at
large with a gun,
&c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the said first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any free negro or mulatto to go at large with any gun, or other offensive weapon; and in case any free negro or mulatto shall be seen going at large carrying a gun, or other offensive weapon, he shall be liable to be carried before any magistrate, in virtue of a warrant to be issued by any justice of the peace, directed to a constable of the county, and on conviction of having violated the provisions of this section of the act, such offender shall thereupon forfeit, to the use of the informant, such gun, or other offensive weapon, which shall thus have been found in his or her possession, and be subject to the payment of the costs which shall have accrued in such prosecution; *Provided*, that nothing in this act shall extend to prevent any free negro or mulatto from carrying a gun, or other offensive weapon, who shall, at the time of his carrying the same, have a certificate from a justice of the peace, that he is an orderly and peaceable person, which certificate shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and no longer.

Proviso.

Constable to visit
suspected places,
&c.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the constable of every hundred to repair once a month, and offender if information be given him of tumultuous meetings of mulattoes, negroes or slaves, to all suspected places within his hundred, and if he shall find any mulatto or negro, not a slave, at any such meeting, it shall be the duty of the constable forthwith to carry such mulatto or ne-