

CHAP. 135.

* Ch. 28 or 49.

† Ch. 26, 66, or 80.

Persons appointed to ascertain damages sustained by Aquila Jones.

tain roads in said county, authorised by the acts of the general assembly, the one passed at November session, eighteen hundred and one*, and the other at November session, eighteen hundred and three†, was laid out through his land, in such a manner as to subject him to great expense and inconvenience, and that he hath never received any compensation for the damages done him by said roads, and hath prayed that he may be compensated for the damages which he hath sustained; and his prayer appearing reasonable, therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Cooper Boyd, Sedgewick James and George M. Causland, be and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised, empowered and directed, to ascertain what damages, if any, have been sustained by a certain Aquila Jones, of Harford county, by reason of two certain roads being laid out through his land, in pursuance of the acts of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred and one, and November session, eighteen hundred and three, and make return of the amount of damages aforesaid, if any, so by them ascertained, to the next levy court which shall happen thereafter, and the same shall be thereupon, by said court, levied and collected as other county charges are, and paid to Aquila Jones, on order.

Oath to be taken.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the aforesaid commissioners proceed to ascertain such damages, they, and each of them, shall take the following oath before some person competent to administer the same, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will faithfully, without favour or partiality, ascertain the damages, if any, sustained by Aquila Jones, by reason of the aforesaid roads passing through his land, in pursuance of the acts of assembly aforesaid."

CHAP. CXXXVI.

Passed Jan 6, 1810

An Act authorising Commissioners to make sale of the Land of which William Warman Berry died possessed. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 330. A Private Act.

A Supplement, 1811, ch. 58.

CHAP. CXXXVII.

Passed Jan 6, 1810

An Act confirming to Margaret Ringgold the Title of a Lot of Land on South-East Creek, in Queen-Anne's County (a). Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 332. A Private Act.

(a) Conveyed to her by the levy court of Queen-Anne's county, who had purchased the same from John Tippins.

CHAP. CXXXVIII.

Passed Jan 6, 1810

An Act concerning Crimes and Punishments. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 333.

Supplementary and other acts, ch. 200; 1811, ch. 2; ch. 177, ch. 206; 1816, ch. 45, ch. 219; 1817, ch. 72, ch. 112; 1818, ch. 157, and ch. 197.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens, that men resigning themselves to the dominion of inordinate passion, commit great violations upon the lives, liberties or property, of others, which it is the great business of the laws to protect and secure, and experience evinces that the surest way of preventing the perpetration of crimes, and of reforming offenders, is by a mild and justly proportioned scale of punishments; therefore,