

C H A P. III.

An ACT to prohibit the raising of swine, geese and sheep, in Chester-town in Kent county.

A right is given to every man to kill any of these animals going at large in the said town; and if any person shall be sued, he may plead the general issue, &c. The owners of such animals, suffering them to go at large, shall forfeit £. 7 10 0.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to enable William Bordley and Arthur Bordley, administrators of Stephen Bordley, junior, late of Kent county, deceased, to sell and dispose of a lot of ground in the said county. PR.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to continue the act of assembly for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for reviving and continuing the actions and process in Worcester county court.

The discontinuance took place in January last, at an adjourned court. Every thing then depending is, on the first Tuesday in June next, to be in the same condition as it was in at last November court, except cases which have abated or become abateable by death. Criminal cases under the old government are not comprehended in the continuance.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The discontinuance was at an adjourned court in December last. Every thing depending is, at the next court, to be in the same state as if the discontinuance had not taken place. There are the usual exceptions with respect to abatements by death, new suits, bail to the Sheriff, and sureties for appearance to answer. All writs and process, issued since the discontinuance, are declared good.

Lastly. This act removes the seat of justice to Choptank bridge, and enables any three or more of the justices, until a court-house and prison be built at the expence of the county, to provide houses or rooms, in which court shall be held, and prisoners confined.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of Ariana Rofs, executrix of doctor David Rofs, deceased. PR.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the establishment of select vestries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is thought expedient and necessary, that select vestries be chosen in every parish within this state, for the preservation of the churches and for the taking care of glebe lands, and for other purposes tending to the happiness and welfare of the state :

Select vestries to be chosen, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That there be select vestries in each parish of this state, and that the several vestrymen of the several parishes within this state, that hereafter shall be chosen, be such select vestry, of which vestry the number shall always be seven, except upon death, resignation, or other discharge of any of them, according to the provision herein made for that purpose; and in such case of death or resignation, or other legal discharge from serving, the remaining part of such vestries shall, with all convenient speed, summon and appoint a general meeting of all the inhabitants of the said parish, entitled to vote for delegates of assembly, and contributing to the charges of the said parish, who shall, by majority of voices, elect and choose one or more sober and discreet person or persons of each respective parish, to supply such vacancies, and such person or persons, so elected and chosen, shall take and subscribe the oath to the government required by the act of general assembly, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, and also take the following oath, viz. " I, B. do solemnly swear and declare, that I will justly and truly execute the office or trust of vestryman of _____ parish, according to my best skill and knowledge, without prejudice, favour or affection;" which said oaths, at the election of a new vestry, are to be administered by any justice of the peace of the county, city or place, where such vestry is, who is hereby required and empowered