

supply payable in specific articles making it unnecessary to continue such acts any longer ; C H A P. XVIII.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That all the acts of assembly heretofore made, empowering the governor and council, or any other person or persons, to seize provisions or merchandise of any kind, shall be and are hereby repealed, abrogated, and made null and void. Acts repealed, &c.

C H A P. XIX.

A Supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

Directing crop tobacco to be received at 20s, with an allowance of four *per cent.* for cask, and transfer not to be received at all. Any public creditor, on certificates granted under the act to adjust the debts due from the state, may be paid in bills of credit of the last emission. These are the most remarkable provisions.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

WHEREAS there are large tracts of land within this state reserved by the late proprietaries, which may be applied in discharge of the engagement of lands made to the officers and soldiers of this state ; and the granting the other vacant lands in this state would promote population, and create a fund towards defraying the public burthen : Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That all the lands within this state, in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, and for which located warrants have not issued, or surveys been made under common warrants, and are now *bonâ fide* the property of any subject of this or any of the United States, and on which the money has been actually paid, shall be and are hereby appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands heretofore made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly shall hereafter direct ; and no grant shall issue on any survey made in virtue of such warrants before the order of the general assembly. Certain lands appropriated, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That there shall be a land-office held for the western shore at the city of Annapolis, and for the eastern shore at the place appointed for holding the general court on that shore, under the direction and care of the registers of those offices for the time being ; and such registers shall have the possession and care of the extracts of the grants and certificates of the land on their respective shores, which shall hereafter be made agreeable to the directions in the form of government ; and such registers shall grant warrants for the resurveying, proclaiming or escheating, any land within any of the counties on their respective shores ; and shall also, on the order or titling of the treasurer of their shore, issue common or special warrants of vacant cultivation, for the surveying any vacant land cultivated or uncultivated, in any of the counties on their respective shores ; and such warrants shall be directed to, and executed by, the surveyor of the county where the land to be surveyed or escheated shall lie, who shall return his certificate to the register of the land-office for the western shore, to be delivered by him to the examiner-general, who, if the same shall be imperfect, shall return it to the said register, to be by him transmitted to the surveyor who made the same, for amendment ; but if the same shall pass examination, the examiner shall deliver it into the land-office for the western shore, and the register thereof, after payment of the purchase or caution money (if any due) to the treasurer of the western shore, shall make out a grant, and present the same to the chancellor for his approbation, and being attested by him, and signed by the governor for the time being, the seal of the state shall be thereunto annexed. Land-offices to be held, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That either of the treasurers may grant orders or titlings to the register of the land-office of their respective shore, for common warrants to take up vacant uncultivated land, or for special warrants to take up cultivated or improved vacant land, on the payment of three shillings and six-pence current money Treasurer may grant orders, &c.