

C H A P. XXIX. all other ministerial officers, are hereby required and enjoined to give due obedience to the commands and orders of the said governor in the execution of the said power and authority.

May issue warrant, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful for the governor, or any judge of the general court, or justice of the peace, to issue his warrant to arrest such offender, and the said offender to commit or bail, as circumstances may require; provided nevertheless, if such offender be charged by a private citizen, and not by the governor or executive of the offended state, the information be on oath, and the evidence be such as affords just grounds to believe that the charge or accusation is true.

May take recognizance, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That if the circumstances of the case should require that such offender be bailed, that it may and shall be lawful for the governor, or any judge or justice, to take the offender's recognizance, with good and sufficient sureties, and in such sum or sums of money as may be thought adequate to secure the party's appearance according to the tenor of his said recognizance, the condition of which shall be as follows: "The condition of the above obligation and recognizance is such, that if the said _____ shall make his personal appearance before the governor, at the city of Annapolis, on the _____ day of _____ and not depart from thence without his leave or permission, then the above obligation and recognizance shall be void."

Judge, &c. to forward a transcript, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That when such an offender as aforesaid shall be arrested by any judge or justice, and committed or bailed as aforesaid, such judge or justice shall, without delay, forward a transcript of such proceeding, with the recognizance, if any taken, to the governor, who shall, with all convenient dispatch, whenever such offender shall be arrested, give information to the offended state, and if no demand be made pursuant to the articles of confederation within a reasonable time after such communication, the party arrested may be discharged.

Forfeited recognizance to be recorded, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That if such offender as aforesaid shall forfeit his recognizance, the governor shall deliver the same to the clerk of the general court of that shote where the offender or his sureties respectively reside, and the clerk shall thereupon issue such process against the offender and his sureties for the recovery of the forfeiture, as the law in other cases of forfeited recognizances provides and directs.

President may act in absence of governor.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the president of the council, in the absence of the governor, shall and may exercise all the power and authority which is hereby given to the said governor.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT to empower the justices of Washington county to assess and levy a sum of money from the inhabitants of said county, for the purpose of finishing the building of their court-house and prison.

The county court is directed to assess, in each of the years 1785 and 1786, a sum not exceeding £.500, to be paid to them, and by them applied to the finishing of their court-house and prison.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT to empower Elijah Merryman to demise the real estate therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT to declare Joshua Johnson, merchant, his wife and children, citizens of this state. *PR.*

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the extension of the navigation of Patowmack river, from tide water to the highest place practicable on the north branch, will be of great public utility, and many persons are willing to subscribe large