

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed January 20. **An ACT to extend the time for bringing in and settling claims against this state.**

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry claims against this state have not been brought in to be liquidated and settled as directed by law, for want of notice, or other unavoidable impediments ;

Claims may be brought in, &c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,** That all claims against this state, on account of property confiscated, depreciation and pay of the army, or otherwise, by any citizen thereof, or any citizen of the United States, or their executors or administrators, which have arisen before the time limited by law for bringing them in, may be brought in, passed and settled by the auditor-general, on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and when passed and settled as aforesaid, shall be paid by this state as by law directed, any thing in former acts to the contrary notwithstanding ; provided the claimants, or their executors or administrators, make appear by their oaths or affirmation, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the auditor-general, that for want of sufficient notice, or from some unavoidable impediment, they could not bring in their claims as aforesaid within the time heretofore limited by law.

Proviso.

III. **Provided always, and be it enacted,** That no claim against this state, on account of the property of the debtor being confiscated, shall be passed, unless satisfactory proof is given, that there are not debts due in the county to the persons whose property has been confiscated, to satisfy the claim exhibited against the state, and that due industry has been used by the claimant to discover debts subject to attachments, and the proper means taken by him to secure his claim out of such debts.

Notice to be given.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the auditor-general give notice of this act in such manner as he may think most proper to communicate its contents throughout the state.

C H A P. XIX.

Passed January 20. **An ACT for the relief of lieutenant Arthur Harris, late of the continental army.**
(*A private act.*)

C H A P. XX.

Passed January 20. **An ACT for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cæcil county.**

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that a great majority of the inhabitants of Cæcil county, by petition, have prayed a removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, and it also appearing that no public buildings are erected at Charles-town, except a gaol, and that no considerable improvements, or increase of the value of property, have been occasioned in consequence of the courts of justice being held there for four years last past : And whereas the inconvenience and expence of public ferries, in said county, may be obviated by such removal : And whereas it appears also, that the inhabitants in general of said county can, with greater ease and expedition, convene at the Head of Elk on court and other public business :

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,** That Messieurs Joseph Gilpin, Tobias Rudolph, senior, Zebulon Hollingsworth, Joseph Baxter and Edward Oldham, or the major part of them, be, and are hereby appointed commissioners to execute and perform the several trusts and powers reposed in, and required of them by this act, and be and are hereby authorized and empowered to treat and agree with undertakers or workmen to build and finish a court-house and public prison, with a good yard, and other conveniences thereto, on that lot of ground at the Head of Elk which was purchased from Clement Hollyday and Nathaniel Ramsey, commissioners for the sale of confiscated