

the memorialists have therefore humbly prayed that they may be empowered to convey the trust aforesaid to the trustees of the poor of Talbot county; and their successors, for the use and benefit of the poor of said county: And whereas it seemeth reasonable to this general assembly to grant the prayer of the said memorialists;

C H A P.
XXIV.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That Matthew Tilghman and John Gordon, trustees as aforesaid of the aforesaid charity school in Saint Peter's parish, in Talbot county aforesaid, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to convey in fee-simple the aforesaid lands unto the said trustees of the poor of Talbot county, and their successors, for the charitable use and benefit of the poor of said county, and that such deed, being executed and acknowledged in the usual form, and recorded amongst the records of Talbot county, shall be good and sufficient to convey the said land to the said trustees, and their successors, for the use aforesaid.

Trustees au-
thorized to
convey, &c.

III. *Provided always,* That nothing in this act is meant, or shall be construed to affect the right of any person whatever, except those mentioned in this act.

Proviso.

IV. *Be it enacted,* That that part of an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Talbot county, empowering the justices of said county to assess and levy on the property of said county the sum of four hundred pounds in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-seven and seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, be and hereby is repealed.

Part of an act
repealed.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT declaring the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty the supreme law within this state.

Passed May
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BE it enacted, *by the general assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared,* That the treaty of peace made between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty, is the supreme law within this state, and shall be so considered and adjudged in all courts of law and equity; and all causes and questions, cognizable by the said courts respectively, ought and shall be determined according to the said treaty, and the tenor, true intent and meaning thereof.

Treaty the
supreme law,
&c.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT for the relief of Belain Posey.

Passed May
24.

WHEREAS Belain Posey, of Charles county, hath, by his petition, set forth to the general assembly of Maryland, that some time ago he purchased from a certain George Crane of the said county, one hundred and ten acres of a tract of land lying in the said county, called Crane's Low-Grounds, and paid for the same a consideration equal to the value thereof, upon a supposition and belief that the said George Crane was entitled to it as heir in tail to his father, a certain John Crane, to whom it had been devised in tail by another John Crane, father to the devisee; that the said land, by virtue of the devise, had continued in possession of the family, and that the said George was possessed of it at the time of the said purchase; that since the said purchase, the said Belain Posey, understanding that a third John Crane, (elder son to the devisee, and brother to George Crane) who left the state many years ago, and had not since been heard of, was still alive, and that as the said John Crane is an alien to the state of Maryland, the true legal right to the land was in the state during the continuance of the issue in tail, that he the said Belain Posey, to prevent any other person from procuring that property, to which he conceived himself in equity entitled, made discovery of it as confiscated property, and, in consequence of an agreement with the state's agent, passed his bond to the state for the sum of one hundred pounds, as a consideration for the state's right: And whereas it appears by the said petition, that the said Belain Posey, whilst commanding a company in the service of this state, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six, was robbed of one hundred and eighty-four pounds fifteen shillings

Preamble.