

C H A P. XXII. before justices of oyer and terminer, sitting in any county on either shore, and judgment shall thereon be given, and execution had, in the same manner as if the stroke and death had both happened on either shore.

Party giving a mortal stroke on any river, &c. where to be indicted, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That from and after the end of this session of assembly, if a mortal stroke shall be given on the waters of any river or creek dividing any counties of this state, and the party so stricken shall, within a twelvemonth and a day, die thereof, either on the waters of any such river or creek, or on land in this state, or if a mortal stroke shall be given on land in this state, and the party so stricken shall, within a twelvemonth and a day, die thereof on the waters of any river or creek dividing any counties of this state, in such cases the party giving such mortal stroke, and all aiders, abettors, comforters, and accessaries thereof and thereto, shall and may be indicted, arraigned and tried, either in the general court of the shore where the stroke shall be given, or of the shore where the death shall happen, or before justices of oyer and terminer sitting in either of the counties divided by the waters of the rivers or creeks as aforesaid, and judgment shall be given, and execution had, in the same manner as if the stroke and death had both happened on shore, and in the body of any county of this state.

Aliens, &c. how to be tried, &c.

V. **And,** whereas no special provision is made by the laws of this state for the trial of aliens and foreigners for offences committed against the laws of this state, and doubts may hereafter arise whether aliens and foreigners may not be entitled to a trial *per medietatem lingue*, **Be it enacted,** That from and after the end of this session of assembly, all aliens and foreigners who may be guilty of, or indicted for, any offence committed within this state, shall, for every such offence, be tried by a jury of the country, in the same manner as natives and citizens of this state are and shall be tried for similar offences, and there shall be no challenge either to the array or polls of the jury returned for the trial of such alien or foreigner, for want of foreigners on the said pannel or jury thereon returned, any law, statute or usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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Passed December 25.

George-town made an incorporate town, &c.

An ACT to incorporate George-town, in Montgomery county.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George-town, in Montgomery county, shall be and hereby is erected, constituted and made, an incorporate town, consisting of a mayor, recorder, six aldermen, and ten other persons to be common-council-men, of the said town, which said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common-council-men, shall be a body incorporate and one community for ever, in right, and by the name of the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common-council, of the said town, and shall be able and capable to sue and be sued at law, and to act and execute, do and perform, as a body incorporate, which shall have succession for ever, and to that end to have a common seal, and the same to change and alter at their pleasure; and Robert Peter, Esquire, one of the inhabitants of the said town, shall for the present be and hereby is appointed mayor of the said town for the next year, to commence on the first day of January next; and John Mackall Gantt, Esquire, shall be and hereby is appointed recorder of the said town; and Brooke Beall, Bernard Oneale, Thomas Beall, of George, James Maccubbin Lingan, John Threlkell and John Peter, Esquires, inhabitants of the said town, shall be and hereby are appointed aldermen of the said town, so long as they shall well behave themselves therein.

Ten common-council-men to be elected, &c.

II. **And be it enacted,** That all freemen above twenty-one years of age, and having visible property within the state above the value of thirty pounds current money, and having resided in the said town one whole year next before the first day of January next, shall have a right to assemble at such place in the said town as the said mayor, recorder and aldermen, or any three or more of them, shall appoint, and when assembled they shall proceed to elect *viva voce* ten persons, residents of the said town one whole year next before the said first day of January next, above twenty-one years of age, and having visible property within the state above

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