

C H A P.
XXVII.
Act to remain
in force, &c.

VI. **Be it further enacted,** That the said original act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and to regulate their fees, and this supplement thereto, shall be and remain in full force until the congress of the United States of America shall take cognizance of the same.

A board ap-
pointed, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That Robert Peter, Benjamin Stoddert, John Thomas Boucher, Ignatius Fenwick, and Richard Johns, or any three or more of them, be and hereby are appointed a board to examine any person who shall desire to be admitted a pilot, (he first producing a certificate from the court of the county where he resides of his honesty and good behaviour, and paying the said board the sum of thirty shillings current money, and to the register of the said board five shillings current money,) and if, upon public examination, the person applying shall appear to the board of sufficient ability, skill and experience, they shall grant him one of three kinds of warrants of appointment or licence to be a pilot from the Capes to George-town, on Patowmack river, according to the qualification of such person, thereby authorising such person, for one year from the date of such warrant, either to pilot vessels of any draught of water, or vessels not exceeding twelve feet draught of water, or vessels not exceeding nine feet draught; and every person receiving a warrant of appointment and licence agreeably to this act, shall thereafter be a lawful pilot within the limits aforesaid.

To sit at G.
town, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said board shall set and be held at George-town, on Patowmack river, whenever it may be necessary to do business, and shall have, and they are hereby invested with, all powers, and subject to all the regulations, within the limits aforesaid, as the board appointed by an act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and to regulate their fees, are vested with and subject to, any thing contained in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXVIII.

Passed De-
cember 21.

An ACT to grant to Robert Hodgson and James Thompson a right to run stages on the roads therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that they have for some time past run stages from Philadelphia to Baltimore-town by way of the eastern shore of this state, and have, at a very considerable expence, kept up the said stages; and prayed that an exclusive right might be granted them to run stages from the line of the Delaware state to Chester-town, and from thence to Gresham college, in Kent county, and that they might have a right to run stages from North Point to Baltimore-town; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the granting the prayer of the said petition will promote the ease and convenience of the inhabitants of this state, and otherwise be of great public utility; therefore,

Exclusive pri-
vilege given
to R. Hodg-
son and J.
Thompson,
&c.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, and the survivor of them, their executors, administrators and assigns, shall have, possess and enjoy, the sole and exclusive permission, privilege and right, and such exclusive permission, privilege and right, is hereby given and granted to the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, and the survivor of them, their executors, administrators and assigns, until the first day of February, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, to commence on the first day of February next, to set up, erect, carry on and drive, at all times during the term aforesaid, all and every stage-coach, post-chaise, stage-waggon, or other stage-carriage, from the line of the Delaware state to Chester-town, in Kent county, and from thence to Gresham college, on the bay side in Kent county aforesaid, by the great public road on the eastern shore of this state, and to and from the intermediate stages on the said road, for the accommodation and conveyance of passengers and their baggage, for hire, as they the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, or the survivor, or their executors, administrators or assigns, shall think proper and sufficient for the accommodation and conveyance of all passengers who shall from time to time apply for passage, together with their baggage, subject to the regulations herein after mentioned.

III. **And**