

III. And be it enacted, That the persons subscribing by virtue of this act, shall be entitled to all the rights and advantages of former subscribers.

C H A P.  
XLVII.  
Rights vested.

## C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT to enable the justices of Cæcil county court to transcribe the records and papers therein mentioned.

Passed December 21.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven the British army took possession of the record books and other papers belonging to Cæcil county court, and carried the same to New-York; that on the restoration of peace, part of the said records were returned, much abused and defaced, and sundry volumes were entirely lost, to the great injury and prejudice of the inhabitants of the said county; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Cæcil county court shall and they are hereby authorized and required to cause all such of the record books and papers, of Cæcil county court, as have been defaced or otherwise injured, to be transcribed into new record books by the clerk of the said county; and the record so transcribed shall be as good in law, to all intents and purposes, as the original records from which they were transcribed.

Justices to cause records to be transcribed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace of the said court are hereby empowered to assess and levy on the said county a sum of money sufficient to defray the costs and charges arising for transcribing the said records and other papers in Cæcil county court, in the same manner as other county charges are imposed and levied, and out of the said monies to satisfy the said clerk for his trouble and expences in performing the duties required by this act.

And assess the cost, &c.

## C H A P. XLIX.

An ACT to confirm and aid certain proceedings of the orphans court, and register of wills, for Harford county.

Passed December 21.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the orphans court of Harford county have neglected to cause an official seal for their county to be made, as directed by the seventh section of the act of February session, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state, and that since the passage of the said act, letters testamentary, and of administration, have been issued by the register of wills for said county, without any official seal thereto, and that other official acts have been done by the said court and register without such seal, to the validity of which the same may be necessary;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all official acts done by the said court, or by the said register, to the validity of which the affixing a seal may in law be necessary, shall be and the same are hereby confirmed, and made as good, valid and effectual, to every intent and purpose, as if the said court had caused a seal to be made for their county as directed by the aforesaid act of assembly, and such seal, so made, had been duly affixed to such acts of the said court and register.

Acts confirmed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the said orphans court, or any three or more of them, shall cause a seal to be made for the orphans court of the said county within the space of three months after the passage of this act; and if a seal for such court shall not be made and delivered to the register of wills of the said county within the time herein before limited, each and every justice of the said court shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money for such refusal or neglect; and the expence of making the said seal shall be levied and collected as other expences of the county.

Justices to cause a seal to be made, &c.