

II. **And be it enacted,** That Thomas Hughlett, Zebdiel Potter, John Allen Sangston, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to contract with workmen and superintend the building a good and sufficient gaol on the public ground at Denton, in said county, and the erecting and making a good and sufficient causeway on the east side of Choptank river, nearly opposite the court-house of said county, and a strong and substantial wharf on the west side of the said river; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to receive the money, when collected, of the sheriff of said county, and give receipt for the same, and the same shall be applied by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to the purposes of building the said gaol, and making the said causeway.

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Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That if any of the said commissioners shall die, remove out of the county, or refuse to act, the remainder of them shall immediately thereafter proceed to nominate and appoint another to supply the vacancy.

How vacancies are to be filled.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT for the relief of Rhoda Phillips, of Dorchester county.

Passed December 27.  
Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Rhoda Phillips, of Dorchester county, by her petition to the general assembly, set forth, that her husband John Phillips, late of Dorchester county, departed this life some time in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, intestate, leaving the petitioner his widow, and five small children; that the petitioner took out letters of administration, and proceeded to the settlement of the estate; that she found her late husband held several tracts, or parts of tracts, of land, lying in Somerset county, in fee, and had obtained a special warrant to resurvey said tracts, or parts of tracts, of land; that said resurvey was made, and certificate thereof returned into the land-office of the western shore, and the land called Phillips Farewell, but the composition money was left unpaid, and the petitioner compounded for the same, and paid all other fees; and further, that John Phillips, in his lifetime, sold said lands, with the land included by virtue of said resurvey, and passed bonds for the conveyance thereof upon payment of the purchase money; that the deceased died considerably indebted to the state of Maryland, and individuals of this state, which debts the deceased always intended to pay out of the money arising from the sale of his lands aforesaid, leaving a very small personal estate; that suit had commenced against her by the state of Maryland; and that, on application to the purchasers of the land in Somerset county, they would not pay the money to her, except she could obtain a title to the land; and the petitioner, not having a right to convey, and the heir at law being an infant, prayed a law might pass, directing that patent might issue in her name, or in the name of some other person, for the purpose of conveying the same agreeably to the bonds passed, for her said husband, by which means she would be enabled to pay the debts of the deceased.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the register of the land-office for the western shore shall issue patent, in the name of Rhoda Phillips, on the certificate of resurvey aforesaid returned by John Phillips, containing nine hundred and six and one half acres of land, called Phillips Farewell, and the governor and the chancellor are authorized to sign and seal the same in the usual manner that patents are signed and sealed.

Register to issue patent &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That the said Rhoda Phillips shall make deeds, in her name, to the purchasers of the land aforesaid, agreeably to the bonds passed by her late husband, which deeds shall be valid to the purchasers aforesaid, and when she receives the money from the purchasers aforesaid, shall be accountable for the same as part of the personal estate of the said John Phillips.

R. Phillips to make deeds, &c.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county.

Passed December 27.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons in the town of Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, do raise and keep great numbers of swine, and suffer them to go and remain

Preamble.