

That William Kilty be and he is hereby appointed to revise the acts of assembly of this state, and to prepare an edition thereof, including all public acts now in force, in the order in which they were passed, from the year sixteen hundred and ninety-two till the end of the present session, inclusive.¹⁰

The resolution was passed by the Senate on January 17, 1799,¹¹ the printing of the first volume was completed before December 7, 1799,¹² and the second apparently before the next meeting of the General Assembly in November of 1800.¹³

Kilty, a native of London, had come to Annapolis as a young man, with his parents, had studied medicine and served as surgeon with the 4th Maryland Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Camden, afterwards paroled and compelled to remain in Annapolis until the end of the war. Perhaps it was during his parole that he took up the study of law. His abilities were recognized by the General Assembly when he was commissioned to compile the Laws of Maryland, and by the President of the United States in 1801 when he was appointed chief justice of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia. He resigned

10 Maryland. General assembly. House of delegates. Votes and proceedings. 1798. p. 73.

11 Maryland. General assembly. Senate. Votes and proceedings. 1798. p. 60.

12 Maryland. General assembly. House of delegates. op. cit. 1799. p. 49.

13 Maryland. General assembly. House of delegates. op. cit. 1800. p. 43.