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XLIII.

choose two of the inhabitants of said county, qualified as aforesaid, to be trustees of the poor of said county, instead of the two first named or eldest in the appointment of the said trustees of the poor of said county, which said two first named or eldest in the appointment of the said trustees shall be and they are by virtue hereof discharged from their office of trustee.

Trustees to
have power,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees of the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act shall and may have, and they are hereby invested with, all the powers and authorities, and subject to all the duties and penalties, for neglect of duties of trustees of the poor of the said county, as are mentioned and declared in the said original act, except the power of appointing new trustees, or filling up casual vacancies in their own board; and in all cases of vacancies happening by death, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of said trustees, the vacancies occasioned thereby shall be filled up by the said levy court at their next meeting which shall happen thereafter.

Court may ap-
point any ma-
gistrate, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid levy court shall be at liberty to appoint any county magistrate, (not being a justice of the levy court,) to the office of trustee of the poor, they having the necessary qualifications required by the aforesaid original act, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Accounts to be
settled on oath,
&c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all accounts settled by the overseer of the poor with the trustees, as directed by the aforesaid original act, shall be on oath, that they are just and true, which oath shall be administered by any one of the trustees.

Part of an act
repealed, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any thing in the aforesaid original act which is repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

C H A P. XLIV.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.
Preamble.

An ACT for the benefit of Alexander Laing, of Talbot county.

WHEREAS Alexander Laing, a native of Scotland, now a resident of Talbot county, some years past came into this state, with a *bonâ fide* intention of residing therein, and he has since bargained and contracted for considerable real property; therefore,

Conveyances
to have effect,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all conveyances and devises of real estates that shall be made or executed to the said Alexander Laing, shall have the same effect, operation and validity, as if the said Alexander Laing had been naturalized at the time the same shall be executed or entered into; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Alexander Laing shall, on or before the first day of June next, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said Alexander Laing shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he might become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who is hereby declared capable in law to hold the same, or to any other person, being a citizen of the United States and capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. XLV.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

An ACT to incorporate a company for establishing a turnpike road from the burnt mill, about one mile below the mouth of George's creek, on the Patowmack river, to the nearest western navigation.

A subscription
to be opened,
&c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a subscription be opened for fifty thousand dollars, in shares of fifty dollars each, and that subscriptions be taken under the direction of John Mason and Francis Deakins, who will meet such persons as are or may be appointed by the state of Virginia, in the city of Washington, on the first Monday in March next, Paul Hoyer and Samuel Ringgold, who will meet such persons as are or may be appointed for the same purpose by the state of Virginia, at William's Port, on the said first Monday in March, and John

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