

such dog or bitch, and may enforce the collection thereof in like manner as is directed by the act to which this is a supplement for the collection of assessments on the property of the inhabitants of the said town, and the said commissioners shall have power to make such regulations from time to time respecting the keeping of dogs and bitches in the said town as shall be effectual for discovering the owners thereof, and for the collection of the said tax, and may authorise and direct the killing of any dog or bitch whose owner cannot be ascertained.

C H A P.
LXIV.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all town taxes arising upon any house or parcel of land within the said town, which is not in the tenure and occupation of the owner thereof, may be charged to the tenant or other occupant, who shall be liable to pay the same, and the payment thereof by such tenant or other occupant may be enforced in the same manner as is directed by the said original act for the collection of town taxes, and the tenant or occupant paying such taxes as aforesaid, may charge the same to the owner of such house, lot or parcel of land, or deduct the same from the rent then due, or which shall next become due thereon.

Taxes, to
whom to be
charged, &c.

C H A P. LXV.

An ACT annulling the marriage of John Crist, of Frederick county, and Susannah his wife.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

WHEREAS John Crist, of Frederick county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that his wife Susannah had prostituted herself with a negro man, and after her intermarriage with the said John Crist was delivered of a mulatto child in consequence thereof, and prayed that an act might pass annulling his marriage with his said wife; and the allegations of said petitioner being proved to the satisfaction of this general assembly, therefore,

Preamble:

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said John Crist and Susannah his wife, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely and to all purposes null and void; and the said John Crist and Susannah his wife are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*.

Marriage de-
clared void, &c.

C H A P. LXVI.

An ACT relative to the bonds to be hereafter given by the treasurers of the respective shores.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurers of the respective shores, hereafter to be appointed, shall and they are hereby required, within twenty days after their appointment, to give bond to the state of Maryland, with security, to be approved of by the governor and council, in the penalty, and according to the form, herein after directed and prescribed; and all bonds executed in virtue of this act shall be recorded among the records of the general court, and the original shall be returned to the governor and council, to be by them filed.

Treasurers to
give bond, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, the duty of the governor and council, at all times hereafter, when in their judgment and opinion the securities of any treasurer appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, have or are likely to become invalid, to demand and require such treasurer forthwith to give bond to the state of Maryland, with security, to be approved of by the governor and council, in the penalty, and according to the form, directed and prescribed by this act, and in case of refusal by any treasurer now appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, to give bond, with security, as aforesaid, within twenty days after the same shall be demanded and required by the governor and council as aforesaid, such refusal shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, a disqualification within the constitution, and the governor and council are hereby required to proceed forthwith to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby, during the recess of the general assembly, according to the constitution and form of government.

Governor, &c.
to require them
to give bond,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That hereafter the penalty of the bond to be executed in virtue of this act by the treasurer of the western shore, and his securities, shall be in a sum not less than fifty-four thousand dollars, and the penalty of the bond to be executed in virtue of this act by the treasurer of the eastern shore, shall be in a sum not less than twenty thousand dollars, and the form of said bonds respectively shall be as follows, to wit: "Know all men by these presents, that we —, are held and firmly bound unto the state of Maryland in the full and just sum of — dollars current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said state, to which payment well

Penalty and
form of the
bond.