

C H A P.
XLVIII.
Court to levy
money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy court of Washington county, at the time of laying the next levy for the said county, shall levy on the assessable property of said county such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary for the purpose of surveying, opening and clearing out, the said road, and the payment of the damages to the owners of the land through which the said road shall pass.

And contract
for damages,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court shall be and they are hereby empowered to agree and contract with the person or persons on whose lands the said road may be laid out, for the amount of damages thereby sustained, but if such agreement should not take place, then the said court shall issue their warrant, directed to the sheriff of the said county, commanding him to summon and return a jury of twelve good and lawful men of the said county, not interested, or related to the party or parties concerned, to be and appear before some one justice of the said county, on the premises, at a certain day in the said warrant to be expressed, which jury, on their oaths or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to be administered by the said justice, shall inquire who are the owner or owners of the said land over which the said road, so laid out and ratified, shall pass, and what damages such owner or owners will actually suffer from the passage of the said road over the said land, the said jury taking into consideration all conveniencies and inconveniencies, advantages and disadvantages, if any, arising from the opening and improving the said road, and such sheriff shall return the inquisition of the said jury, under their hands and seals, and attested under his official signature, to the next levy court to be held for the said county, and the amount of damages therein expressed, if any, shall be paid by order of the said court out of the monies to be levied as is herein before directed; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or set aside any regular proceedings that may have already taken place under the act to which this is a supplement, or any agreement or compromise made by the commissioners with individuals.

C H A P. XLIX.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

An ACT to alter and change the name of John Mills, of Anne, of Dorchester county, to the name of Crawford.

Preamble.

WHEREAS John Mills, of Anne, of Dorchester county, has petitioned this general assembly that an act may pass to change the surname of the said John to the surname of Crawford; and it being represented that certain property has been bequeathed to him, on condition of his assuming the name of Crawford; therefore,

J. Mills to take
the name of
Crawford, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said John Mills, after the passage of this act, to take upon himself the surname of Crawford, instead of his present surname, and also for the descendants of the said John Mills to take upon themselves the surname of Crawford; and the name of the said John Mills shall be and is hereby changed and altered into the name of John Crawford; and the said John Mills, and the heirs of his body, shall at all times hereafter be called by, and hold and use, the surname of Crawford only.

Securities, &c.
to have effect,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts whatsoever, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, by or to the said John Mills, by the name and surname of John Crawford, shall be of the same force and effect, and equally avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name and surname of John Crawford had been his true and proper name and surname from his birth, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. L.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

An ACT to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Sarah Eastern, by her petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that she is a poor woman, and upwards of seventy years of age, and being infirm and unable to support herself, and prays a law may pass for her support and maintenance out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

S. Eastern may
be supported,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, if they shall be of opinion that the peculiar circumstances of the said Sarah Eastern are such as to render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable for her, to support her as an out-pensioner, in addition to the number now allowed by the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties there-
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