

C H A P. XCIX.

An ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Beall, of Montgomery county.

Passed January 19, 1805.
Preamble.

WHEREAS Elizabeth Beall, widow and relict of James Beall, of James, of Montgomery county, by her petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that some years past commissioners were appointed by the levy court of said county to contract with workmen to build a bridge over the waters of Rock creek, near the plantation of the said James Beall, of James; that the said commissioners did contract with the said James Beall, of James, for the building of said bridge for the sum of forty-two pounds, and the said James Beall, of James, did build the said bridge agreeable to contract, and gave security to the said court to keep the same in repair for the space of ten years, and that he received in part payment thereof the sum of four pounds ten shillings current money; and also stating, that there is now due for the building of said bridge the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings current money; and praying that the amount thereof may be levied on said county; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Montgomery county be and they are hereby authorised and directed, at their next annual meeting for the purpose of laying the county levy, to levy on the thirty-seven pounds ten shillings current money, and praying that the amount thereof may be levied on said county; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Montgomery county be and they are hereby authorised and directed, at their next annual meeting for the purpose of laying the county levy, to levy on the assessable property of said county the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings current money, together with the collector's commission thereon, to be collected as other county charges, and to be paid by the said collector to the said Elizabeth Beall, or her order.

Court to levy money, &c.

C H A P. C.

An ACT to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna.

Passed January 19, 1805.

WHEREAS the canal on the river Susquehanna within the state of Maryland is complete, and a good practicable navigation on the bed of the river above the said canal to the town of Columbia is made, excepting a distance of about eight miles, which cannot be effected from the want of funds: And whereas it would add greatly to the wealth and trade of the state of Maryland were the said navigation between the said canal and the said town of Columbia made passable for boats, by drawing to the bay of Chesapeake the various productions of the lands bordering on the waters of the river Susquehanna; therefore,

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II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That general Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel Hughes, Mark Pringle and John Stump, (of Harford,) or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed managers, and are hereby authorised to propose, and carry into effect, a lottery or lotteries for the purpose of raising a sum of money, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and the same may be drawn at any one time, or at different times, as the said managers may deem expedient; provided, that before a sale shall be made of any tickets in virtue of this authority, the said managers who shall act in virtue of this law, shall give bond to the state, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, for the faithful execution of the said trust, and for the payment of the net proceeds, after payment of prizes and the expences of the said lottery or lotteries, into one of the banks established in the city of Baltimore; and the bond which shall be given by the said managers shall be lodged in Baltimore county court, and there be recorded, and upon such bond, or an office copy thereof, suit or suits may be entered against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their or any of their legal representatives, for any breach of, or non-compliance with, the condition of the same.

Managers appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the net proceeds of the said lottery or lotteries, so to be deposited in one of the banks established in the city of Baltimore, shall, within three months after the drawing of the said lottery or lotteries, be transferred into the hands of general Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel Hughes, Mark Pringle and John Stump, (of Harford,) or any three of them, to be by them appropriated and laid out in making a safe and easy channel down the river Susquehanna, from the town of Columbia to the Maryland canal, and afterwards in improving the bed of said river from the head of said canal to tide water; provided, that before the said general Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel

Proceeds to be deposited, &c.