

C H A P. XXX.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

An ACT annulling the marriage of Brittainia Marshall, of Dorchester county.

Marriage declared void, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of Brittainia Marshall, and Thomas Marshall her husband, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely and to all purposes null and void; and the said Brittainia Marshall, and Thomas Marshall her husband, are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act contained be construed to illegitimate the children of the said Brittainia Marshall and Thomas Marshall, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXXI.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

An ACT to extend Centre-street in the northern precincts of the city of Baltimore, and to build a bridge therein across Jones' Falls.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by a number of inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, that the extension of Centre-street in the northern precincts of the city of Baltimore, and the erection of a bridge in said street across Jones' Falls, would facilitate the intercourse of the inhabitants of the state with the different districts of the city of Baltimore, and greatly promote the convenience of Baltimore county and city; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Dixon, George Warner, Jacob Small, Aquila Miles, Jacob Miller, David Wilson, David Winchester and John Eager Howard, or a majority of them, be commissioners, who are hereby authorised and empowered to open, clear and extend, Centre-street, of at least the present width thereof, from the north side of the reservoir of the Baltimore water company eastward, across Jones' Falls, until it intersects the first street on the eastern side thereof; which said commissioners shall ascertain and fix the damages sustained by the owner or owners of any lot or lots through which the said street shall be extended; and if such owner or owners shall think himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved by the judgment and determination of the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for him, her or them, to apply to the sheriff of Baltimore county, who is hereby directed forthwith to summon a jury of twelve men, uninterested in the extension of said street, to try and ascertain, on oath, what damages such owner or owners have sustained by the extension of said street; and if the said judgment of the said commissioners shall be affirmed, the costs incurred by such appeal therefrom shall be borne by the said appellant or appellants, and all the damages, costs, charges and expenses, incurred or produced, by the opening, and extension of said street, shall be paid by the owners of lots benefitted by the extension of said street; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to fix and ascertain what portion of said damages, costs and expenses, are to be paid by each of the owners of said lots, and the same is hereby declared to be a lien on the said lots until paid, and to be recoverable from the said proprietors respectively before a single magistrate, if not more than ten pounds, as small debts are recovered, and if more than ten pounds, by an action for money had and received, in Baltimore county court, in which this act of assembly, and the proceedings under the same, may be given in evidence; and the said commissioners are hereby directed to return to the office of the clerk of Baltimore county, under their hands and seals, a statement of the proceedings by them made in virtue of this act.

Who are to build a bridge, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and are hereby authorised to build and erect a bridge on the said street over Jones' Falls, and that the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county, at their next annual levy court, to be assessed and levied upon the assessable property of said county, the sum of eight hundred dollars, to be paid to the said commissioners for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building the said bridge.

C H A P. XXXII.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the establishment of a school in Caroline county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the trustees of said school, that they have a small fund which is appropriated to the maintenance and education of poor children, many of whom have neither father nor mother living, and when discharged from said school are liable to become useless members of society; therefore,