

amount of the said valuation or damages to the respective parties entitled to the same, before they shall proceed to affect the lands of the person or persons concerned. C H A P. XLV.

C H A P. XLVI.

An ACT authorising the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county to lease and exchange the property therein mentioned. Passed 20th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that by the extension of Howard-street through the ground appropriated to the use of the alms-house of Baltimore county, a part of said ground lying on the east side of said street, in a triangular figure, is cut off and separated from the residue of said ground in such manner as to render it of little or no advantage to the said alms-house: And whereas it is further represented, that the said justices of the levy court could, if authorised by law so to do, exchange a part of said triangular piece of ground, so as to render the same of a more advantageous figure, and could also lease the same on terms which would yield a handsome revenue to Baltimore county, and highly promote its interests; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to exchange any part of the said triangular piece of ground with any person or persons owning land adjoining the same, in such manner and on such terms as they may deem most promotive of the interests of Baltimore county, and the said piece of ground, either before or after said exchange, to cause to be laid off in lots of such dimensions as they may deem adviseable, and every third lot thereof to lease and demise, upon the usual terms and conditions, to any person or persons whatsoever, for ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, and to make, execute and acknowledge, all deeds necessary for the leasing and demising of the said every third lot of the said piece of ground, reserving and making payable all rents issuing therefrom to the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county, and their successors, for ever. Justices may exchange ground, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said justices of the levy court for Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to cause lots, fronting on the west side of said Howard-street extended, of convenient dimensions, to be laid off from the residue of said ground appropriated to the use of the said alms-house, and every third lot thereof to lease and demise, in the same manner, and upon the same terms and conditions, that they are authorised to lease and demise the lots described in the foregoing section of this act. And cause lots to be laid off, &c.

C H A P. XLVII.

A Supplement to an act authorising the collection of certain ground-rents due on lots in the town of Cumberland. Passed 20th of January, 1808.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Beall, of Samuel, shall be and he is hereby authorised to sell and convey any lot or lots heretofore sold by him, and now held by bond of conveyance or otherwise, at the same time, and at the same place, he shall sell the lots where conveyances have been made by him, and which he is authorised to do under the original act to which this is a supplement, and which said sale and conveyance shall be as good and valid as if the power now given to sell the lots not conveyed had been conferred by the original law. T. Beall may sell certain lots, &c.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for the benefit of James Griffin, of Saint-Mary's county. Passed 20th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS James Griffin, a native of Ireland, and now a resident of Saint-Mary's county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, some years past, with a *bonâ fide* intention of residing therein, and has declared his intention in Saint-Mary's county court to become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, and has since bargained and contracted for considerable real property; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all gifts, grants, conveyances and devises, of real estates, shall be made or executed to the said James Griffin, shall have the same effect, operation and validity, as if the said James Griffin had been naturalized at the time the same shall be made, executed or entered into; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to such property, or any part thereof, acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act; and provided also, Gifts, &c. to have effect, &c.