

Passed 23^d of
Dec. 1808.

An additional supplement to the act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, at Chester-town.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the commissioners appointed to erect a bridge over Chester river, at Chester-town, have found it impracticable to dispose of shares for that purpose, from the magnitude of the undertaking, and the uncertainty of the costs and profits: And whereas it is now humbly prayed by a great number of the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, that the commissioners may be enabled to raise the sum of ten thousand dollars by a lottery, to be appropriated by said commissioners to aid in erecting said bridge: And whereas it is desirable to encourage such undertakings, so promotive of the public conveniency; therefore,

A scheme may
be proposed,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said commissioners now appointed, or hereafter appointed, according to law, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised to propose a scheme of a lottery to raise a sum of ten thousand dollars, free and clear of all expenses, costs and charges, incurred in drawing said lottery, and to sell and dispose of the tickets within the state of Maryland, or elsewhere, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding, and to provide for drawing said lottery in Chester town, under such limitations as said commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint and direct; provided such commissioners, or a majority of them, as shall undertake to act under this law, shall, before the sale of any ticket or tickets, give their joint and several bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars, conditioned that they will well and truly apply the monies arising therefrom, within sixty days after the drawing of said lottery, to the payment of the prizes drawn therein to the adventurers to whom they shall be due, and after deducting the necessary expenses in the management thereof, shall apply the said ten thousand dollars to the erecting said bridge over Chester river.

Troops to pass
free, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That during any war, after the erecting of said bridge, it shall be lawful for any troops marching under the authority of the United States, or of this state, to pass over said bridge free from toll.

Bridge may be
landed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners be authorised to land said bridge at such place on the Queen-Anne's shore as they may deem the most proper, and to connect it with the public road, paying the proprietor for the value of said land such sum as may be ascertained by a jury, convened by the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county for that purpose, unless they can agree with the proprietor of said land for the same.

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A Further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act for the better regulation of apprentices, power is given to the justices of the several orphans courts of this state, and in their recess to the trustees of the poor, or any two justices of the peace, to bind out as an apprentice every orphan child, (the increase or profits of whose estate, whether real or personal, is or are not sufficient for the maintenance, support or education, of said child,) to some manufacturer, mechanic, mariner, handicraftsman, or other person, at the discretion of said justices: And whereas by the said act no power is given to the justices of the orphans court, trustees of the poor, or any two justices of the peace, to have such children brought before them for the purposes aforesaid; therefore,

Justices, &c.
may issue a ci-
tation, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the several and respective orphans courts of this state, and in their recess, the trustees of the poor, or any two justices of the peace, upon information, shall have power, and they are hereby authorised, empowered and directed, to issue a citation to the sheriff or any constable of the county, to cause to be brought before them respectively, the child or children of any pauper or vagrant, or the child or children of lazy, indolent and worthless free negroes, and bind them out as apprentices, agreeably to the provisions of the acts to which this act is a supplement; provided always, that the contract of apprenticeship so made shall be approved and recorded agreeably to the sixth section of the said law.