

C H A P. LXXII.

An ACT to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the punishment of forgery, and for other purposes. Passed 22d of Dec. 1808.

WHEREAS universal experience hath proved, that the commission of crimes is more effectually restrained by the certainty than the severity of punishments, and as the principles both of humanity and sound policy require that capital punishments should be inflicted in cases only where the general welfare evidently and imperiously demands it; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act, entitled, An act for the punishment of forgery, and for other purposes, be and the same is hereby repealed. An act repealed.

C H A P. LXXIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers. Passed 22d of Dec. 1808.

WHEREAS by an error in engrossing the said act of assembly, the word "heretofore" in the fourth section of the engrossed bill has been inserted instead of the word "hereafter" in the original bill which passed both branches of the legislature; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said act of assembly shall have the same force and operation, and receive the same construction, as if the said error had not been committed, and the word "hereafter" had been inserted in the fourth section of the said engrossed bill in the place of the word "heretofore." Act to have force, &c.

C H A P. LXXIV.

An ACT for the relief of Francis Rawlings, of Anne-Arundel county. Passed 23d of Dec. 1808.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto this general assembly, by the petition of Richard B. Watts, the next friend of Francis Rawlings, that the said Francis Rawlings has been for many years deprived of his reason, and is very poor; and in as much as the particular situation of the said Francis Rawlings renders it unsafe to place him in the poor's house, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county be and they are hereby authorised and directed to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money, not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Francis Rawlings, and that the same be collected and paid to Richard B. Watts, or his order, by the collector of said county. Justices to levy money, &c.

C H A P. LXXV.

An ACT to make a further provision for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county. Passed 23d of Dec. 1808.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and required to assess and levy upon the assessable property of said county, in four successive annual instalments, a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars, the first instalment to be assessed by the said court at their first session after the passage of this act for the purpose of laying the county levy, and to be collected by the collector of said county. Court to levy money, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said sum of money shall be collected and paid over agreeably to the provisions of the act, entitled, An act to provide for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county, passed at November session, in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, and the commissioners named and appointed by the said act, on receipt of the said sum of money, shall apply the same to the erection and completion of the said new court-house, and account therefor pursuant to the provisions of the above recited act; provided, that in no one year shall the said levy court assess and levy on the said county more than ten thousand dollars for the purpose aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. To be collected and paid over, &c.