

land, and it appearing reasonable that the will of the said John Muir should be fully carried into effect, therefore,

C H A P.  
XLI.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all the right, title, interest and claim, which the state of Maryland may have in and to the tracts of land called Well's Little Beginning, Bennett's Island, Island Addition, Herring Creek Bay, and Muir's Discovery and Self Defence, be and the same is hereby relinquished and released to the said John Murray, and his heirs.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the return of the respective certificates of survey made in virtue of the said warrants of escheat, and on the payment for any vacant land that may be included in the survey, and on the certificate or certificates having been examined, and laid in the land office the time prescribed, the said John Murray, his heirs or assigns, shall be entitled to obtain a patent thereon, in the same manner, and to have the same effect, as if the purchase money on the estate had been paid to the state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that nothing herein contained shall effect the right of any other person to the said land.

C H A P. XLII.

An ACT for the relief of William Austin.

Passed December 23, 1810.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that William Austin, of the city of Baltimore, has been confined in Baltimore county gaol for some months past, on a charge of having illegitimately begotten a female child on the body of Anne McClaughan, where he hath since remained for want of security to indemnify the county for any charge that might accrue for the maintenance of said child, and the said Austin being a very poor man, and wholly insolvent, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said William Austin, be and he is hereby released from all further confinement from Baltimore county gaol, for having begotten said illegitimate child, and the sheriff of Baltimore county is hereby authorised to discharge the said William Austin from all further confinement for the case aforesaid.

C H A P. XLIII.

An ACT authorising the Levy Court of Charles County to sell and dispose of the Land therein mentioned.

Passed December 23, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy court of Charles county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, at their discretion, to dispose of any part of the public square in Charles-Town, commonly called Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem meet.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any four of the justices of the said levy court, upon the sale of any portion of the said public square, are hereby directed, upon the payment of the purchase money, to execute and acknowledge, in the usual form, a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers for the same, and that the deed or deeds so executed, shall operate to convey the interest of the said county in and to the said land so sold, to the purchaser, according to the true intent and meaning of the said deed or deeds.

C H A P. XLIV.

An ACT for the relief of John Norris, of Harford County.

Passed December 23, 1810.

WHEREAS John Norris hath, by his petition to this general assembly, represented, that a certain road in Harford county authorised to be opened by an act of the general assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, was laid out through a well timbered piece of land a very considerable distance, and has therefore rendered it necessary for him to erect a long chain of fence at considerable expense, and that he is materially injured thereby, and no power having been given by the said act to value and assess the damages sustained by landholders through whose property said road might pass, and hath prayed relief in the premises; and the same appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners in the said act named, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to value the damages sustained by the said John Norris by reason of the said road running through his land, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages arising therefrom, and make report thereof, in writing, to the next levy court which shall happen thereafter, and the amount of said valuation,