

C H A P. CIX. liable to a fine of one dollar, and for every day after the first five days the sum of fifty cents, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any provisions contained in any former law or laws on this subject, as are inconsistent with the present, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

C H A P. CX.

Passed December 24, 1810.

An ACT to authorise the Levy Court of Harford County to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Harford county, if they should think proper, be and they are hereby authorised to levy a sum of money, not exceeding four hundred dollars, on the assessable property of said county, in addition to what they have already levied, for the purpose of erecting a bridge over Deer Creek, at or near Stafford Mills, in said county.

C H A P. CXI.

Passed December 24, 1810.

An ACT to change and alter the name of Richard Cooke, of Queen-Anne's County, to that of Richard Cooke Tilghman.

WHEREAS Richard Cooke, of Queen-Anne's county, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that his uncle Colonel Richard Tilghman, late of the county aforesaid, deceased, by his testament and last will, devised to him a considerable real and personal estate in fee simple, and by a codicil to his said will expressed a wish that the said Richard Cooke should assume the surname of Tilghman, and by that name hold and enjoy the said estate, and being desirous of fulfilling the wishes of his said uncle, prayed that a law might pass authorising him to take and use the surname of Tilghman, and that he might for ever hereafter be called and known by the name of Richard Cooke Tilghman, and also to authorise his children and descendants to take and use the said surname of Tilghman, instead of Cooke, and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of the said petitioner should be granted, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the name of Richard Cooke, of Queen-Anne's county, be and hereby is changed and altered unto the name of Richard Cooke Tilghman, and it shall and may be lawful for the said Richard Cooke, at all times hereafter, to be called and known by, and hold and use the name of, Richard Cooke Tilghman, and by that name to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity, and it shall and may be lawful for the issue of the said Richard Cooke, born, or hereafter to be born, to take upon themselves and each of them the surname of Tilghman, instead of the surname Cooke, and the surname of the said Richard Cooke shall be and is hereby changed and altered to the surname of Tilghman, and the issue of the said Richard Cooke, born, or hereafter to be born, shall at all times hereafter be called by, and hold and use the surname of, Tilghman, and be from henceforth called by the surname of Tilghman,

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds, and lawful acts whatsoever, heretofore made or done, or hereafter to be made or done, by or to the said Richard Cooke, by the name of Richard Cooke Tilghman, or heretofore made to or hereafter to be made or done by or to the issue of the said Richard Cooke, born, or hereafter to be born, by the surname of Tilghman, shall be of the same force and effect, and equally avail to all intents and purposes, as if the name of Richard Cooke Tilghman had been the true and proper name of the said Richard Cooke, and as if the surname of Tilghman had been the true and proper surname of the said Richard Cooke, and of his issue, and of each of them, from their birth, any law, statute or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. CXII.

Passed December 24, 1810.

An ACT to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over Choptank River, at or near Dover Ferry.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Talbot and Caroline counties, that the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by erecting a bridge over Choptank river, and praying that a law may pass to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the said river; therefore,