

## CHAP. 32.

## CHAPTER 31.

Passed Mar 20, 1840. *An act to alter and amend the Constitution, so far as relates to the power of the Legislature to grant Lotteries.*

After confirmation, no new lottery grant to be made

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the confirmation of this act by the next Legislature of this State, no new grant to authorize the drawing of any lottery, or the traffic or dealing in lottery tickets, or schemes or devices in the nature of lotteries, or the distribution of money or property by chance, shall be made.

Inconsistent parts of constitution repealed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; *provided,* this act be published at least three months before the next October election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly after the next election, as the form of government and constitution directs.

## CHAPTER 32.

Passed Mar. 20, 1840. *A supplement to an act entitled an act for the more effectual protection of Public Worship in this State.*

Preamble

WHEREAS it has been found by experience that the laws at present in force are not sufficient to secure to religious communities in this State, that liberty of conscience and freedom from molestation in the worship of God, guaranteed by the constitution to every citizen, the more effectually therefore to attain so desirable an object,

Certain parts of act of 1824, ch. 53, repealed

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all that portion of the act of eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter fifty-three, which requires any person or persons offending against the provisions of said act, to be informed that he, she, or they are violating said act, and warned to desist from such violations; and that portion of said act which requires the intervention and assistance of two freeholders of the county in which such offence shall or may have been committed, in seizing and taking possession of the property declared by said act to be forfeited, be and the same are hereby repealed; and that from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, justices of the peace and constables to whose knowledge any offence or offences against the said act of eighteen

Sheriffs, &c. to arrest persons offending