

C H A P.
X.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriffs bonds heretofore directed to be taken before the chief justice, or the two associate justices, of the respective county courts, where they have not yet been given, shall be taken on or before the first day of January next, by the justices of the orphans court, or any two of them, either in court or out; and the said justices of the orphans court, or some two of them, are hereby authorised and required to take the said bonds in the same manner that the said chief justice, or the associate justices, were heretofore empowered to take the same.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said county clerks shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to discharge all and every the duties of their respective offices, in the same manner, to every legal intent and purpose, as if the constitutional alteration contained in said act had not taken place, until other provision shall be made by law.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds, and other instruments of writing, which have been received within the time limited by law by the several clerks in the several counties, since the passing of the said act, and which shall be received, (until other provision shall be made by law,) shall be recorded, and shall be of the same validity in law, to every intent and purpose, as deeds received and recorded previous to the passage of said act.

C H A P. XI.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset county.

BE IT ENACTED, by the *General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, from and after the end of this session of assembly, during the term of three years, to kill, or otherwise to destroy, any deer in Somerset county, under the penalty of thirty dollars current money for every deer so killed or destroyed, to be recovered in the county court of the county aforesaid, by indictment, one half of which sum shall be applied to the use of the county, and the other half shall be received by the person who shall give information thereof.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the expiration of the aforesaid term of three years, no person or persons whatsoever, shall shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy, any deer, except from the fifteenth of September to the fifteenth of November yearly, under the penalty aforesaid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons whatsoever, in whose hands or custody any deer's flesh or deer's skin or skins shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed contrary to this act, shall be deemed, taken and adjudged, the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penalty aforesaid, unless such person or persons shall make it appear who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such person possessed thereof shall have received the same, or that the same was not killed contrary to the prohibition of this act.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any master, mistress or overseer, shall wilfully suffer any servant or servants, slave or slaves, under his, her or their care and management, to hunt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, shall forfeit the sum of thirty dollars, to be recovered and applied as before directed, and if any servant or servants, slave or slaves, do or shall hunt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, and without the privity and knowledge of their master, mistress or overseer, and be convicted thereof before any justice of the peace, such servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be whipped, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of such justice of the peace; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the owner from killing tame deer, or deer confined within parks.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, be and the same is hereby repealed, for the term aforesaid, so far as respects Somerset county.

C H A P. XII.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT to enable James Walker, John Sprigg Belt and Archibald Dorsey, to complete the collection of the county tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel county.

WHEREAS James Walker, John Sprigg Belt and Archibald Dorsey, securities for Robert Conn, deputy-collector under William Alexander, hath in their petition to this general assembly