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or stand in any of the streets or lanes laid off in virtue of this act, the same shall be permitted to continue, but shall not, at any time hereafter, be permitted to be repaired or rebuilt.

XI. AND, whereas many lots are owned by persons living at a distance, who cannot be compelled to bear a part of the expence under this act, BE IT ENACTED, That the grantor, or first lay-out of such lot, shall be and he is hereby made answerable to the commissioners for the amount of expence incurred in fixing and establishing the same, and shall be entitled to recover the money so paid from the proper owner.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all conveyances for any lot or lots in Cumberland, heretofore made, having a reference to a particular number of any lot in the plot of said town formerly made out, but never recorded, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, as good and available in law, to all intents and purposes, as though the said conveyance had been made since, and actually had a reference to the plot by this law directed to be made out and recorded, the commissioners aforesaid taking care and having regard to fixing and assigning to any number so conveyed, the precise spot, or particular lot, originally intended to be conveyed, and making the number in the plot returned correspond with the first conveyance.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act for erecting a town at the mouth of Will's creek, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, chapter twenty-seven, be and the same is hereby repealed, no proceedings having taken place under it.

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Passed 27th of
January, 1806.

An ACT authorising the chancellor in certain cases to decree conveyances for land, the title to which is in British subjects.

WHEREAS it has happened that many citizens of this state have purchased land lying within this state, and hold the same under a contract alone for the conveyance thereof, the legal title being outstanding in British subjects, or vested by law in this state, who come within the meaning and purview of the act of assembly passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, entitled, An act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, and the said purchasers, in some instances, having paid the whole, and in others, a great part of the purchase money, and are desirous to complete their contract, and to obtain a legal title to their land, and doubts having been entertained whether there exists any competent authority to execute conveyances to the said purchasers; for remedy whereof,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases in which any citizen of this or any of the United States shall have purchased any land lying within this state, the legal title to which is now outstanding in a British subject, or vested by law in this state, or who now has a fair and equitable claim to any such land which had been so purchased, it shall and may be lawful upon a bill being filed in the court of chancery, either by the claimant of such land, or the party who claims to be paid the purchase money for the land so sold, and upon making the attorney-general a party, for the chancellor to proceed according to the established principles of equity and the rules of the court of chancery, to hear and determine the equity between the parties, and the chancellor shall thereupon proceed to decree to the parties legally entitled thereto, the money still remaining due for the purchase of the said land, in case any shall be due, and to decree a conveyance of the said land, and in case none of the said money shall be due, or in case the party shall comply with the decree of the court, by paying the money decreed, that then and in such case the chancellor shall, in the name of the state of Maryland, convey to the said party or parties having a legal claim to the said land, all the right and estate which is vested in any British subject, or in the state of Maryland by virtue of the several acts of assembly of this state.

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An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the act therein mentioned.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is an additional supplement, commissioners were appointed to open, clear and grub, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington: And whereas the said commissioners have neglected to cause a pa-