

CHAPTER 39.

Passed
Feb. 24, 1854.

AN ACT to authorise the Circuit Judge for Anne Arundel county, to ascertain whether Elizabeth Earnshaw, a prisoner in the jail of said county is insane, and to discharge her from imprisonment, if he shall think her of sane mind.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, At the October term, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, of Anne Arundel circuit court, a certain Elizabeth Earnshaw was found guilty of an assault with intent to kill, and the jury also found that she was insane at the time of committing the offence, and at the time of the rendition of said verdict, and the said Elizabeth Earnshaw is now confined in the jail of said county, as an insane person, though believed by many persons to be perfectly sane, and it is doubted whether there is any authority now possessed by the judge of the said court to order her released; Therefore.

Authority to
discharge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judge of the circuit court for Anne Arundel county be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to enquire and ascertain whether the said Elizabeth Earnshaw is insane or of sound mind, and to order her to be discharged from confinement, if he shall determine her to be of sane mind.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

CHAPTER 40.

Passed
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AN ACT to authorise the changing of the course of Mattawoman Run, at and near the point at which the Stage Road from Port Tobacco to Glymont crosses said Run, and to authorise the building of a Bridge over said Run.

Authority to
appoint exam-
iners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the county commissioners of Charles