

tion of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, that they experience great inconvenience from the magnitude and extent of the fourth election district in said county, operating to deprive many of their suffrages, who are entitled to the exercise of that right; and as it is desirable that the full, free and fair voice of the people should be expressed in their choice of the functionaries of government; therefore,

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all that part of the constitution and form of government made such by the acts of eighteen hundred and six and eighteen hundred seven, which directs that Saint Mary's county shall be divided and laid off into four separate election districts, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

2. *And be it enacted,* That Saint Mary's county shall be divided into five separate election districts; and the additional district shall be taken and laid off from the fourth election district, as they are now numbered.

Five districts.

3. *And be it enacted,* That if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly of Maryland, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, in such case, this act and the alteration herein contained, shall constitute and be considered as a part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Constitutional proviso.

CHAPTER 113.

*A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen Ann's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford, of said county.*

Passed Feb 6, 1823.

WHEREAS in the act aforesaid, John Deford was by mistake called Edward Deford; therefore,

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the aforesaid act, passed December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, be, and the same is hereby declared, to all intents and purposes, to be an act for the benefit of Thomas Deford, an afflicted son of John Deford, of said county, as intended by the original act, instead of Edward Deford therein mentioned.

Mistake corrected.

CHAPTER 114.

*An act to confirm the name of James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, of Dorchester county.*

Passed Feb 6, 1823.

WHEREAS James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, of Dorchester county, was not born in lawful wedlock, his mother being a M'Collister and his father a Cropper; and whereas some doubts exist as to his true name, and he is desirous that it should be legally established to that of James Cropper; therefore,

Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the name of James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, of Dorchester county, be, and hereby is confirmed to that of James Cropper, and it shall and may be lawful for the said James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, at all times hereafter, to be called and known by, and hold and use the name of James Cropper, 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 James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, heretofore or hereafter to be born, to take upon themselves, and each of them, the surname of Cropper; and the surname of the said James Cropper, alias James M'Collister, shall be, and is hereby

Name.