

DEC. SESS. 1815. the time of taking the sheriff's bonds as prescribed in the act to which this is a supplement, to qualify the sheriff so bonding, in the same manner as the judges of the county courts are authorised to do, and transmit a certificate thereof to the clerk of their county court to be by him recorded, which qualification shall be valid in law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Qualification to be valid. 2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the qualification of any sheriff already taken before a justice of the orphan's court shall be valid and effectual in law.

CHAPTER 63.

Passed Jan. 8, 1816. Divorced. *An act annulling the marriage of Levi Baxley and Margaret his wife, of the City of Baltimore.*

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of Levi Baxley and his wife, heretofore solemnized, be and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely and to all intents and purposes null and void, and the said Levi Baxley and Margaret his wife are hereby declared to be divorced a vinculo matrimonii; *Provided always*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to illegitimate the children of the said Levi Baxley and Margaret his wife, born prior to the passage of this act.

CHAPTER 64.

Passed Jan. 8, 1816. Divorced. *An act annulling the marriage of Thomas W. Hooper and Frances A. Hooper.*

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of Thomas W. Hooper and Frances A. Hooper, heretofore solemnized, be and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely to all intents and purposes null and void; and the said Thomas W. Hooper and Frances A. Hooper are declared to be divorced a vinculo matrimonii.

CHAPTER 65.

Passed Jan. 8, 1816. Commissioners—width & direction. *An act to lay out and make public a road in Dorchester County.*

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joseph Byns, James Patison, Capt. John Spedden, Roger Woolford, and James Trippe are hereby appointed commissioners, and they or any three of them are hereby authorised to survey, lay out and open a road in Dorchester county, not exceeding twenty feet in width, commencing from some point to be selected by the said commissioners, on the main road to Hill's point in the county aforesaid, thence running down Eccleston's neck in a direction the most convenient for the citizens, and least injurious to the holders of property, as far as the public convenience in the judgment of the said commissioners may require; and the said commissioners or a majority of them shall report their proceedings to the levy court of the county aforesaid, which said report shall by the direction of the levy court aforesaid, be recorded among the land records of the said county; and the said road when so surveyed, laid out and opened shall be deemed and taken to be a public road forever thereafter, and kept in repair as other public roads are in said county.

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