

of such index, from that period to the present, will afford the greatest facility for the investigation of land titles in this state, without which it may be impossible to trace their history, Therefore,

Dec. Ses. 1815.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required, to contract with the register of the land-office for the western shore for making an index of the names of all the lands surveyed and patented since the revolution to the present time, according to the plan on which he has commenced it.

To contract with register western shore.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the governor and council are hereby authorised and required, to contract with the register of the land-office for the eastern shore, for making an index of the names of all the lands surveyed and patented, which have been returned to the said office up to the present period; and they are hereby authorised and required, to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore, as the work may progress, for such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to complete the same, according to the contract or contracts which may be made by them with the said registers respectively, and the said treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

With register eastern shore.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said registers for the time being, after the said index shall be completed, to continue the same, and for all future grants or surveys of land the said registers are hereby authorised to receive twelve and a half cents for entering the same in such index, from the party making the survey or obtaining the grant.

Registers to continue index.

CHAPTER 185.

An act for the benefit of the Devises of James Calhoun. Passed Feb. 3.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the devisees of James Calhoun, late of the city of Baltimore, to whom may belong the parcel of ground at the corner of Pratt and Light-streets, fronting one hundred and six feet on Light-street, and extending westwardly eighty feet, be and they are hereby authorised to improve and use the same, freed from the purposes of a tobacco inspection house for which it was heretofore employed; *Provided,* an alley be left open on the south side of said ground from Light-street, for the convenient passing of tobacco hogsheads from said street to the inspection houses west of the same.

Devises authorised to improve parcel of ground.

CHAPTER 186.

An act to authorise the drawing of a Lottery or Lotteries in the City of Baltimore to build a Masonic Hall for Washington Lodge No. 3, in that part of said City known and distinguished by the name of Fell's Point. Passed Feb. 3.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Tobias E. Watkins, Peter Little, William H. Winder, George Winchester, Sheppard C. Leakin, George Myers, John Berry, George Keyser, Stephen H. Moore, Henry Dorry, James Cordery, James Vinson, Thomas Worrell and Jacob Bier, or a

Managers—sum to be raised.