

IV. And provided also, That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to repeal, or in any manner affect, the power given to the commissioners of Baltimore-town to make annual lotteries, by an act passed at November session last, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

C H A P. LVIII. Proviso.

V. And be it enacted, That this act shall commence on the first day of June next, and continue from thence for three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Commencement, &c.

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C H A P. LIX.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning the territory of Columbia, and the city of Washington.

Passed December 23.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen upon the act to which this is a supplement, whether it be essential to the validity of deeds and other conveyances of lands in that part of the territory of Columbia which lies within this state, that the same be recorded in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state before the passage of the said act; to remove which doubts,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all deeds and other conveyances of lands lying within the said territory, and recorded agreeably to the directions and provisions of the said act by the clerk appointed in the manner therein provided for the recording of deeds within the said territory, shall be as good, valid and sufficient, in law, for the purpose of passing the estates therein mentioned, and for all other purposes, as if the same were also recorded in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state, before the passage of the said act for the recording of deeds and other conveyances of land within this state.

Certain deeds good and valid, &c.

C H A P. LX.

An ACT for the adjournment and continuance of Prince-George's county court.

Passed December 23.

WHEREAS several gentlemen, having business in the said court, are obliged to attend the general assembly now sitting,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the adjourned court of Prince-George's county, to be held on Monday the twenty-sixth instant, shall be and the same is hereby adjourned to the first Monday in April next, and that all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, civil and criminal, therein depending, be continued over to the day of the court in course, then and there to be in the same plight and condition, in every respect, as they would be in on the said twenty-sixth day of November instant, if this act had not passed, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Court adjourned, &c.

C H A P. LXI.

An ACT for the preservation of the navigation of Rock creek.

Passed December 23.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that weirs and hedges have of late been erected in and upon Rock creek, near George-town, in Montgomery county, to the great injury of the navigation of the said creek;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all weirs and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in Rock creek, within the distance of two miles from the river Patowmack, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared, nuisances, and may be by any person pulled down and destroyed as such.

Weirs deemed nuisances, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall, after the first day of March next, put, place or make, any weir or hedge in or upon Rock creek, within the distance aforesaid from the river Patowmack, under the penalty of ten pounds current money for every such offence, to be recovered before any magistrate

Not to be made, &c.