

C H A P.
XXXIII.
Valuation to
be received,
&c.

III And be it enacted, That the valuation so to be made in virtue of this act, shall be deemed, taken and received, by the aforesaid commissioners, in lieu of the former valuation made in the case of the said Elam Bailey, and instead thereof.

C H A P. XXXIV.

Passed De-
cember 28.

An ACT to define and ascertain the powers of the governor on the subject therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the thirty-third article of the constitution and form of government, the governor is authorised to order and compel any vessel to ride quarantine, if such vessel, or the port from which she shall have come, shall, on strong grounds, be suspected to be infected with the plague: And whereas circumstances may render it necessary that other and more effectual steps should be pursued for preventing the introduction of the plague, or other malignant contagious diseases, into this state, and doubts may arise whether the power communicated by the above article may be competent to such future exigencies; for removal whereof,

Governor
may compel
vessels to ride
quarantine,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whensoever and as often as the governor for the time being shall have strong grounds to apprehend, from the information of physicians, or otherwise, that there is danger of the plague, or other malignant contagious disease, being introduced into this state from foreign parts, or from any of the United States, he shall be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to compel any vessel coming to any of our ports, shores or harbours, to ride quarantine, and to forbid, either by land or by water, all intercourse or communication between this state and the place infected, or to lay such intercourse under such regulations and restrictions as he may think adviseable, and to take all measures, and do all things, which may appear to him to be necessary for giving effect to the objects of this act.

C H A P. XXXV.

Passed De-
cember 28.

An ACT respecting the stealing and counterfeiting of bank notes or checks.

Stealing bank
notes deemed
felony, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons shall steal, or take by robbery, any of the notes of any bank established, or that may be established, under a charter from the government of the United States, or of any particular state, it shall be deemed and construed to be felony, of the same nature and in the same degree as if the offender had stolen, or taken by robbery, any other goods of like value with the money due on such bank note, and such offender shall suffer such punishment as he should or might have done if he had stolen, or taken by robbery, other goods of the like value with the money due on such note.

Counterfeit-
ing adjudged
felony, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the notes or checks of any of the said banks, or pay, or tender in payment, or in any manner pass, or offer to pass, such forged or counterfeited notes or checks, knowing them to be forged or counterfeited, and shall thereof be convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon or felons, and suffer such punishment as if he or they had been adjudged guilty of stealing, or taking by robbery, goods of the like value with the money due on such bank note or check.

C H A P. XXXVI.

Passed De-
cember 29.

An ACT to repeal, conditionally, an act, entitled, An act for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Edward Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, iron-master, in the said act mentioned, hath, by his petition to this general assembly, prayed a repeal of the same, as being unconstitutional and oppressive: And