

C H A P.  
XXI.  
Proviso.

III. **Provided**, That nothing in this act contained shall have any operation or construction in law, in any manner, to affect the debts or claims of present or future creditors, or of present or future securities who may hereafter be creditors of the said Legh Master.

C H A P. XXII.

Passed De-  
cember 26.

An ACT to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS John Ferrel, of Montgomery county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he is an extreme poor man; that he hath a wife and five small children, two of which, to wit, the eldest, a girl of about thirteen, and the youngest, a boy of upwards of two years old, and both deaf and dumb; that hitherto by hard labour he has been enabled to find bread for his family, but in addition to the above affliction of his children, he hath himself of late been very infirm and sickly; and prays an act may pass to provide for the support of his two unfortunate children, out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in said petition appearing true,

Justices to le-  
vy money,  
&c.

II. **And be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Montgomery county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding twenty pounds, for the support and maintenance of the aforesaid two unfortunate children, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the said John Ferrel by the collector of Montgomery county.

C H A P. XXIII.

Passed De-  
cember 26.

An ACT to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the owners of the land at the new court-house of the said county have surveyed and laid out a quantity thereof into acre lots, the greater part of which are already purchased up and improved, and have prayed that the said survey of lots may be erected into a town: And whereas the prayer of the said petitioners appears to be reasonable; therefore,

Commission-  
ers appointed,  
&c.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Richard Hall, Henry Story, William Hopper, Emory Sudler, junior, John Wells, Joseph Hopper Nicholson and Richard Tilghman Earle, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or the major part of them, are hereby authorised and required carefully to survey, divide, lay out and plot, all the land comprized in the survey of lots made by the original owners as aforesaid, by the surveyor of the county, or such other person as they, or a majority of them, shall appoint for that purpose, into lots of not less than one half acre each, allowing such sufficient space for streets, lanes and alleys, as to them shall seem meet and proper, and the same lots, so laid out, shall number with numbers one, two, three, and so on, for distinguishing each lot from the other, and shall cause the said streets, lanes and alleys, to be named by certain names, and the said lots to be butted and bounded by good and sufficient cedar or locust posts or stones, and the expence of procuring and setting up the same shall be paid as herein after directed.

Lots erected,  
into a town,  
&c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the said lots, when they are surveyed and laid out by the commissioners aforesaid, shall be and are hereby erected into a town, to be called Centreville; and the said commissioners are hereby directed to return a correct and accurate certificate and plot of the said lots to the clerk of Queen-Anne's county court, who is hereby required to record the same among the land records of the said county, and to keep the original certificate and plot in his office, and a certified copy of the original, or the record thereof, shall be  
conclusive