

VI. And be it enacted, That one or two only of the said commissioners shall, in the absence of the others, have the same power of adjourning that is now vested in a majority of them.

C H A P.
XXXIV.
One may ad-
journ.

C H A P. XXXV.

An ACT further extending the time for making returns of certain certificates and plots.

Passed De-
cember 26.

WHEREAS by an act passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, it is enacted, that any certificates and plots of survey, which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office for the western shore on or before the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, by any person who has been appointed by the intendant to survey any of the aforesaid lands, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned by the surveyor of the county: And whereas by an act passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, entitled, An act respecting certain certificates and plots, it is enacted, that any certificates and plots of survey, which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office on or before the fifteenth day of April next, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned agreeably to the time mentioned in the act above in part recited: And whereas by an act, entitled, An act to extend the time for making returns of certain certificates and plots, passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, a further time for returning certificates and plots was given: And whereas it appears that several of the certificates and plots have not been returned, agreeably to the last above in part recited act; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any certificates and plots which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office for the western shore on or before the first day of December next, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned agreeably to the time mentioned in the last act above in part recited.

Certificates
may be re-
ceived, &c.

C H A P. XXXVI.

An ACT to change the surname of Stephen Cole, of Baltimore county, to that of Gill.

Passed De-
cember 26.

WHEREAS Stephen Cole, of Baltimore county, hath represented to this general assembly, that he was born prior to the intermarriage of his father Stephen Gill, son of John, with his mother, whose maiden name was Cole, from whence he acquired the name of his mother, instead of that of his father, by whose name he is desirous of being known and distinguished hereafter: And whereas also it appears, that Stephen Gill, the father, is also desirous that the aforesaid alteration should take place in his son's name, whom he hath acknowledged as such; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Stephen Cole from henceforth to take upon himself the surname of Gill, instead of that of Cole; and also for the children and descendants of the said Stephen Cole to take upon himself, herself and themselves, the surname of Gill; and that all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts whatsoever, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, by or to the said Stephen Cole, by the name of Gill, shall be of the same force and effect, and equally avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name of Gill had been the true and proper surname of the said Stephen Cole from his birth, any law, statute or custom, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

S. Cole to
take the name
of Gill, &c.