

act to the act for the establishment of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town. C H A P. XXIX.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the said court shall assess and levy, on the assessable property of the said town, and the wharfs adjoining thereto, the amount of the expenditures of the committee of health for the said town during the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five, to be collected in the same manner as the county levy is by law directed to be collected. Justices to assess the amount, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the expences attending the execution of this act, and of supporting the criminals employed in making and repairing the turnpike roads of Baltimore county, and of repairing the bridges in Baltimore-town, shall be paid by Baltimore county, and shall be assessed by the said justices, and collected with the county assessment; provided, that a greater sum than one hundred pounds shall not be levied for the repair of the said bridges. Expences to be paid by Balt. county.

VI. This act to continue and be in force until the thirtieth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight. Duration.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for the benefit of Thomas Watkins, of Montgomery county. Passed December 24.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Watkins, of Montgomery county, a minor, that his grandfather, Ninian Beall, deceased, did, by his last will and testament, bequeath to him, and his three brothers, certain personal estate, to be paid to them respectively on their arrival at age; that the said Ninian Beall, in his lifetime, made a voluntary settlement upon his said grand-children of several negroes, and afterwards, by his said will, directed, that his executor should take the same into his possession, and hire them out, and apply the money arising therefrom to the education and support of the petitioner, and to his instruction in such of the learned professions as his genius and inclination should lead him to; that since the death of the said Ninian Beall, the petitioner's father hath obtained possession of the said negroes, and carried them to North-Carolina, whereby the petitioner is deprived of the means of support and instruction during his minority intended for him by the said last will and testament; that the petitioner is in his eighteenth year, and is desirous of commencing the study of physic, but that, as the legacy bequeathed to him by his said grand-father is not payable until his arrival at age, and the benefit expected to arise from the hire of the said negroes is withdrawn from him by their removal as aforesaid, he is left without any provision to enable him to prosecute his studies, and hath therefore prayed that a law may pass, giving authority to the said executor to apply, during the petitioner's minority, so much of the personal estate in his hands, bequeathed as aforesaid to the petitioner, as may be sufficient for the purpose aforesaid: And whereas the said executor hath signified his assent to the passage of such a law, and this general assembly thinking it reasonable and proper, Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the executor of the last will and testament of the said Ninian Beall, be and he is hereby authorized, from time to time, during the minority of the said Thomas Watkins, to apply any personal estate in his hands as executor of the said Ninian Beall, to which the said Thomas Watkins would be entitled, in virtue of the said will, on his arrival at the age of twenty-one years, towards the support and maintenance of the said Thomas Watkins, and towards his instruction in such of the learned professions as it shall be found proper for him to pursue, saving, however, the rights of any and all of the creditors of the said Ninian Beall, whose claims shall not be in any manner defeated or injured by the authority given by this act, or by any thing done in pursuance thereof. Executor to apply the personal estate, &c.