

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where any sheriff hath not, or shall not have fully executed the trust reposed in him in virtue of the act to which this is a supplement, during his continuance in office, that all the rights, power and authority, vested in such sheriff by the said act, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in his successor in office, who shall have full power and authority to complete the said trust.

C H A P. CXVII.

Rights, &c. transferred, &c.

Sheriff to account, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the sheriff to whom such insolvent debtor shall have conveyed his property, and in case of his death of his executors or administrators, to account with such succeeding sheriff for all sums of money or tobacco by him received in pursuance of the trust reposed in him by the said act, and the same, after the fees and commission due to the said sheriff shall have been deducted, to pay over to such succeeding sheriff, who shall have full power and authority, in case the same shall not be paid to him upon demand, in his own name to institute an action for the recovery thereof against the said sheriff, his executors or administrators.

C H A P. CXVIII.

An ACT to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases.

Passed January 21.

WHEREAS persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath labour under many and great inconveniencies, owing to their not being admitted to make their solemn affirmation as witnesses in all cases instead of an oath; therefore,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the people called Quakers, those called Nicolites or New Quakers, those called Tunkers, and those called Menonists, holding it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation as witnesses, in the manner that quakers have been heretofore allowed to affirm, which affirmation shall be of the same avail as an oath, to all intents and purposes whatever.

Quakers, &c. allowed to affirm, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That before any of the persons aforesaid shall be admitted as a witness in any court of justice in this state, the court shall be satisfied, by such testimony as they may require, that such person is one of those who profess to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath.

Court to be first satisfied, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendment of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said declaration of rights, constitution and form of government contained, to the contrary notwithstanding.

If confirmed, to be a part of the constitution.

V. And be it enacted, That the several clauses and sections of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, contrary to the provisions of this act, so far as they respect either of the sects or societies aforesaid, shall be and are hereby declared to be repealed and annulled, on the confirmation hereof.

Clauses, &c. repealed.

C H A P. CXIX.

An ACT to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein referred to.

Passed January 21.

WHEREAS many of the citizens of this state have, before the fourth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, acquired rights in certain real estates, in consequence of judgments of condemnation rendered

Preamble.