

husband, and prayed that an act might pass annulling his marriage with his said wife; and the allegations in the said petition being proved to the satisfaction of this general assembly, therefore,

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XXVII.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the marriage of the said William Barroll, and Lucretia his wife, heretofore solemnized, be and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely and to all purposes null and void; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to illegitimate any issue of the said William Barroll, and Lucretia his wife, born prior to the passing of this act.

Marriage de-  
clared void.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed Janua-  
ry 20.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the inhabitants of the Head of Chester, in Kent and Queen-Anne's counties, that the erection of a market-house, and establishment of a market, at Bridge-town, in Kent county, under proper regulations, would contribute much to the convenience and accommodation of the inhabitants of the said town, as well as to the emolument and advantage of the neighbourhood;

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John Comegys, John Turner, doctor John Thomas, Daniel Knock and John Greenwood, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for said town, to receive subscriptions for raising a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a convenient piece of ground within the limits of the said town, and for erecting thereon a good and sufficient market-house, and for regulating the same until the first day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine.

Commission-  
ers appointed,  
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said John Comegys, John Turner, doctor John Thomas, Daniel Knock and John Greenwood, or any two or more of them, are hereby empowered to receive as a voluntary grant, or to contract with any person or persons for, so much ground within the limits of said town as will be sufficient for the erection of a good and convenient market-house; and they are hereby empowered to contract with any person or persons for the necessary materials, and for building and completing the same, in such manner as they shall think proper.

Who may re-  
ceive a grant,  
&c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That from and after one month after the said market-house shall be finished and received by the commissioners aforesaid, of which public notice shall be given, the Wednesday and Saturday of every week thereafter be set apart as market-days within the limits of said town, and that all provisions brought to the said town for sale, after the time aforementioned, shall be taken or carried to the said market-house, and there be sold, or offered for sale, at the market-hours, which are hereby established to be from any time in the morning of the said days until twelve o'clock at noon; provided always, that fish or oysters, or beef by the quarter or larger quantity, or pork by the hog or hogs, or any kind of grain, flour or bread, or butter in firkins, or in quantities exceeding twenty pounds, or cheese, or beef or pork in barrels, or live cattle, sheep or hogs, respectively brought to said town or market upon the days aforesaid, or on any other days, except Sunday, may be sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Market-days  
set apart, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That if any free inhabitant of the said town shall presume to buy, or cause to be bought, of any person or persons bringing or having brought to the said town, or within one mile thereof, any kind of provisions whatsoever for sale, (except the articles herein before provided for,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days during the time of the market-hours herein before established, at any other place whatsoever but at or in the said market-house, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings current money for every such offence.

Penalty for  
buying out of  
market,