

the said James Hickley, been all citizens of this state; provided always, that nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any right or claim to the said property by any citizen of this or any of the United States; provided also, that the said Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley and Robert Hickley, in order to entitle themselves to the benefits of this act, shall take the oath of naturalization required by the laws of this state on or before the first of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight.

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An ACT for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, that they suffer very extensive injury from the ravages committed on their crops by crows and squirrels; and the said inhabitants have prayed that a law may pass to encourage their destruction,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person residing in Queen-Anne's county shall carry to any justice of the peace of the said county the head or heads of any crow or crows, or the scalp or scalps of any squirrel or squirrels, such person shall be allowed, in the levy of the said county, for every crow's head the sum of six cents, and for every squirrel's scalp the sum of three cents, and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads, scalp or scalps, shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads, scalp or scalps, to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Persons to be allowed, &c.

III. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted,* That no person shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, scalp or scalps, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, or otherwise satisfy the said justice, that such crow or crows, squirrel or squirrels, was or were killed in the said county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such head or heads, scalp or scalps, shall or may be brought in virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the person bringing the same, free and clear from all charges against the person making such oath, or affirmation, any thing to the contrary hereof in any law notwithstanding.

Proviso.

IV. This act to continue and be in force till the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred.

Duration.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to encourage the destruction of wolves in Baltimore county.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wolves are very numerous and mischievous in the county aforesaid, and that they destroy a great number of sheep, therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That when and as often as any credible free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace for Baltimore county the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads were actually caught and killed within the limits of Baltimore county within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall and he is hereby authorized and directed to give such person or persons producing the same a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath or affirmation taken, and therein distinguished how many of the heads are of old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolves

Justice to give a certificate, &c.

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