## BENJAMIN OGLE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

1798.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate as a foresaid to the justices of Frederick county at the levy court, shall, for every old wolf's head, be allowed fixteen dollars, and for every young wolf's head be allowed eight dollars, to be by the said justices affested and levied in the county levy, together with the sherist's or collector's compart the levy mission for collecting the same, and to be paid by the sherist or collector to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid, any thing in any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. This act to continue and be in force for four years, and to the end of the next fession of Duration, affembly which shall happen thereafter.

XXIII.

An ACT for the relief of Philemon Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, a lunatic. Passed Jan. 15.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the annual proceeds of the personal estate of the said Philemon Dorsey is by no means sufficient for his support, and that he is seized in see of two parcels of land, situate in Anne-Arundel county, which are totally unproductive, the one not being improved, and the other subject to the life estate of his mother, and that if the same, or part thereof, were sold on a credit, and the proceeds loaned out on interest, for the use of the said lunatic, that the same would be amply sufficient for his support and maintenance; and it appearing reasonable the real estate of the said lunatic should be applied. and maintenance; and it appearing reasonable the real estate of the said lunatic should be applied to his fupport,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Affembly of Maryland, That the chancellor for the time being chancellor to shall have power and authority, upon application of any person on the part of said Philemon Dorsey, and being satisfied that it is necessary for the support and maintenance of said Philemon Dorsey, to order the whole, or such part of the real estate of said Philemon Dorsey as he may think necessary, to be sold for the purpose aforesaid, upon such terms as he may think proper, and to appoint a trustee or trustees for the purpose of effecting such sale or sales.

III. And BE IT ENACTED, That all sales made by the authority of the chancellor under this To be confirmed act, shall be notified to, and confirmed by, the chancellor, before any conveyance of the property ed by him, &c. shall be made; and bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the chancellor, shall be given by the person or persons empowered to sell the property as aforesaid, for the due execution of the trust committed, which bond shall be lodged with the register in chancery.

IV. And BE IT ENACTED, That the chancellor shall have full power and authority to direct He may direct the application of money arising from such sale or sales, and the interest thereof, for the purposes the application aforesaid, and to direct from time to time in what funds the money arising from said sales shall be vested, and in all things to order in the premises as he may deem for the benefit and advantage of faid lunatic.

V. And BE IT ENACTED, That the principal sum arising from the sale of the said real estate, To whom it or so much thereof as may remain unapplied to the use and maintenance of said lunatic, during shall belong the life-time of said lunatic, shall, on the death of the said lunatic, belong to such person or persons, his, her or their heirs, or legal representatives, as would have been entitled to the said real estate in case the same had not been sold.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state. WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the act for the establishment of Preamble. felect vestries, and the supplements thereto, are inadequate to the exigencies of the protestant episcopal church in this state, for which the said acts were intended to provide,

Paffed Jan. 15.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That vestries shall be chosen for each parish within this state in the following manner: Every free white male citizen of this state above twenty-one years of age, resident of the parish where he offers to vote six months next preceding the day of election, who shall have been entered on the books of the said parish one month at least preceding the day of election as a member of the protestant episcopal church, and who shall also contribute to the charges of the said parish in which he offers to vote such sum as a majority of the vestry in each parish shall annually, within ten days after their election, in writing, make known and declare, not exceeding two dollars, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such parish; and all persons so qualised shall, on the next entuing Easter Monday, assemble in their respective parishes, at their parish church, or if there shall be two or more protestant episcopal churches in any parish, at the church first built therein, or if there be in any parish no such church, then at such other place as the rector of the parish, or if there be no rector, as any three or more vestrymen, may have publicly notified to the parishioners, and the faid persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such of them as may affemble in each parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, eight vestrymen from among the persons qualified to vote, who, with the rector of the parish for the time being, shall be deemed and considered the vestry of the faid parish for the ensuing year, and the rector of the parish shall always be one of the vestry.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of the parish shall, and it is hereby declared to Register to enbe his duty, to enrol any person of the protestant episcopal church who shall apply for the purpose, accepte, on the books of the parish, under the penalty of eight dollars, and he shall be authorised to demand and receive the sum of fix cents for each and every such enrolment.

IV. And, to perpetuate the vestry in each parish, BE IT ENACTED, That on refusal to serve, How vacancies resignation, death, or removal from the parish with a view to reside elsewhere, or on legal distance to be alled.