

C H A P. XVII.

of the town, and towards a permanent fund to keep in repair the streets, and for the purposes of this act.

By the act to erect Baltimore-town into a city, &c. 1796, ch. 68, it is declared, that the powers vested in the town commissioners, special commissioners and port-wardens, (except those of the town commissioners to hold elections agreeably to the constitution,) shall cease as soon as that act is in force; and the corporation of the city of Baltimore is thereby declared to possess all powers vested in such commissioners, &c. with the above-mentioned exception. The records, papers, &c. to be transferred to the corporation; and all acts of the legislature then in force, were to continue, but the authorities thereby delegated to such commissioners, &c. to be transferred to the corporation. By a supplement, 1797, ch. 54, power is given to the corporation to enact and pass all ordinances necessary for paving and keeping in repair the streets, &c. But no ordinance having yet passed, except to levy a further sum on the present rate of taxes, this act, and others, respecting the paving of the streets, are considered as necessary to be inserted at large, although many of the provisions contained in them are materially altered.

Passed 15th of Jan. 1783.

C H A P. XVIII.

A Supplement to the act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, and to apply the same. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 259. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the relief of the family of William Edmiston. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 261. A Private Act.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to make good the depreciation of pay to captain Philemon Griffith. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 261. A Private Act.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to make valid a deed of bargain and sale executed by Basil Burgeess, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to Daniel Bowley, of Baltimore county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 262. A Private Act.

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An ACT to ascertain the property of the citizens of this state carried off or destroyed by the enemy during the present war. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 263.

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An ACT concerning estates tail. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 264.

Preamble.

WHEREAS common recoveries are considered as a mode of conveyance by which tenants in tail are enabled to convey and dispose of their lands and tenements, but the said mode of conveyance is attended with an heavy expence and great inconvenience, by reason of a necessary and chargeable attendance in many cases in the general court;

How estates tail may be conveyed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person or persons, seized of any estate tail, in possession, reversion or remainder, shall have full power to grant, bargain, sell and convey, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, whereof he, she or they, shall be so seized, by such manner and form of conveyance or assurance as any person seized of an estate in fee-simple may, by the laws of this state, grant, bargain, sell and convey, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, whereof such person is seized of an estate in fee-simple; and all and every such grants, bargains, sales and conveyances, of any person or persons so seized in tail, shall be good and available, to all intents and purposes, against all and every person and persons, whom the grantor, bargainer or vendor, might or could debar by any mode of common recovery, or any ways or means whatsoever, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXIV.

A Supplement to the act (a) for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 265.

(a) April, 1782, ch. 36.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many persons may have claims against persons convicted and attainted of treason, and British subjects, whose property has been confiscated and seized by this state, and there is no mode by which such claims can be liquidated and paid;

Claims to be adjulted, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every person, having any account, debt, claim or demand, against any subject convicted and attainted of treason, and whose property has been or may hereafter be sold by law, or any British debtor, whose property has been seized and confiscated, may lay his account, debt, claim or demand, before the auditor-general, who is hereby empowered and directed to liquidate and adjust the same, and the balance, if any, shall be signed by the