

C H A P. XVII.

January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, under the penalty of twenty pounds, and the several sheriffs are hereby required to forward them in the same manner as public letters; and the printer shall deliver the residue of such copies to the clerks of the senate and house of delegates.

Passed 26th of Dec. 1783.

C H A P. XVIII.
An ACT for the relief of the christian society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 355.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, set forth, that they labour under many great and grievous inconveniencies, owing to their conscientious scruples relative to the taking oaths in the usual form, and not being admitted to declare the truth of their knowledge by solemn affirmation: And whereas it is declared in the thirty-sixth section of the declaration of rights, that the manner of administering an oath to any person ought to be such as those of the religious persuasion, profession, or denomination, of which such person is one, generally esteem the most effectual confirmation by the attestation of the Divine Being; therefore,

Society to enjoy rights, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, shall be and they are hereby entitled to, and shall have and enjoy, all the rights, privileges, immunities and franchises, that the people called Quakers are in any manner entitled to enjoy, under the declaration of rights, form of government, or any law or laws in force within this state, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

* 1774, ch. 19.

C H A P. XIX.
An additional supplement to an act, entitled, * An act to unite the free-schools of Saint-Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 355.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to the general assembly, that the trustees for Charlotte-Hall school have purchased lands for the said school, but have by experience found it extremely difficult to procure a sufficient number of trustees to meet for transacting the business of the said school.

Five trustees may act.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any five or more of the said trustees, with or without the president, shall be and are hereby empowered to meet at the said school from time to time, and they or the major part of them so met, may do any act, matter or thing, which the said president and trustees might do, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XX.
An ACT to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 355.

C H A P. XXI.
An ACT to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon and William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned of Joseph Lyon, deceased. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 356. A Private Act.

C H A P. XXII.
An ACT to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover-lane in the said town. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 356.

Preamble.

A Supplement 1784, ch. 46.
WHEREAS a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that great inconveniencies arise to the town of Baltimore, and the inhabitants thereof, from the narrowness of Hanover-lane, leading from Market-street to Hanover-street, and that great advantages would be derived to the public and the proprietors of the adjacent lots, provided the commissioners of the said town were empowered to open and widen the same; and the said petitioners did further set forth and propose, that the said commissioners might be empowered to ascertain the damage sustained by each individual by having the said lane widened, and such damage, agreeable to their valuation, to be paid by the persons benefited by the same, in proportion