

1784.

NOVEMBER.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P.
IV.

Passed 22d of
Jan. 1785.

damage may be occasioned to any person or persons by such road its passing through his, her or their land; which damage, when so ascertained, shall be paid to such person or persons by the said Anna Maria Hodson and Walton Purnell.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to confirm a deed of bargain and sale made by John Cannon and Anne Cannon his wife to Sarah Piner; of and in the lands and premises therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 386. A Private Act.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT respecting the marriage of Henry Dickinson, of Caroline county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 388. A Private Act.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of Washington college. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 388.

A Supplement April, 1792, ch. 7.

Preamble.

WHEREAS institutions for the education of youth, under the care and patronage of the state, have ever been encouraged by the wisest nations, as the most effectual means of disseminating the principles of religious and civil liberty, private and public virtue, and those liberal arts and sciences which are at once the greatest ornament of a free republic, and the surest basis of its stability and glory: And whereas former legislatures of this state have, at various times, had it under their serious consideration to make lasting provision for the good education of their youth, and have accordingly made considerable progress in this good work, as well by sundry laws for the establishment of county schools, as by the particular grant of a sum of money, to be appropriated to the sole purpose of erecting and endowing a college or general seminary for the state: And whereas, in pursuance of the act for founding a college at Chester, very large sums of money have been raised by private contributors on the eastern shore, and applied towards building and carrying on said college; and the legislature having heretofore unanimously resolved, that such exertions for the public good merited the approbation of the legislature, and ought to receive the public encouragement and assistance; and the visitors and governors of the said college have, by their memorial to this general assembly, set forth that the sum of ten thousand pounds, which they have, as aforesaid, procured and raised for carrying on the said college, will not be more than sufficient to furnish and prepare the building for the reception of the masters and scholars, and for purchasing a library, and the necessary apparatus, mathematical and philosophical; and that a permanent yearly fund, in addition to the tuition money to be paid by the scholars, will be necessary for the payment of salaries to a principal and a sufficient number of able professors and tutors, and have accordingly prayed, that this general assembly would take the premises into their consideration, and grant them such permanent aid as they in their wisdom may think proper: Now this general assembly are desirous, as far as the public circumstances will permit, to encourage a seminary so successfully begun, and intended to be for ever dedicated and carried on by the name of Washington College, in honourable and perpetual memory of the late illustrious and virtuous commander in chief of our armies; therefore,

Donation
granted, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sum of twelve hundred and fifty pounds (a) current money be annually and for ever hereafter given and granted, as a donation by the public, to the use of Washington college, to be applied, by the visitors and governors of the said college, to the payment of salaries to the principal, professors and tutors of the said college.

(a) By 1793, ch. 107, the sum of five hundred pounds, part of the sum before appropriated to Washington college, is discontinued after the 1st of May, 1799.

Marriage li-
cences.

III. AND, as a certain and permanent fund to procure the said sum of twelve hundred and fifty pounds current money annually, for the use aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That the sum of twenty-five shillings current money, imposed by the act, (b) entitled, An act concerning marriages, for every marriage licence, and hereafter to be received by the clerks of any of the counties of the eastern shore, and paid by them to the treasurer of the said shore, agreeably to the directions of the said act, shall remain in his hands, subject to the orders of the visitors and governors of the said college, to be drawn according to the directions of this act.

(b) February, 1777, ch. 12.

Fines, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every fine, penalty or forfeiture, for any offence (except only for treason,) at common law, or by any act of assembly now in force, or hereafter to be made, and hereafter