

Passed and of
Jan. 1785.

An ACT to naturalize major-general the marquis de la Fayette, and his heirs male for ever. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 399.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the general assembly of Maryland, anxious to perpetuate a name dear to the state, and to recognize the marquis de la Fayette for one of its citizens, who, at the age of nineteen, left his native country, and risked his life in the late revolution; who, on his joining the American army, after being appointed by congress to the rank of major-general, disinterestedly refused the usual rewards of command, and fought only to deserve what he attained, the character of patriot and soldier; who, when appointed to conduct an incursion into Canada, called forth by his prudence and extraordinary discretion the approbation of congress; who, at the head of an army in Virginia, baffled the manœuvres of a distinguished general, and excited the admiration of the oldest commanders; who early attracted the notice and obtained the friendship of the illustrious general Washington; and who laboured and succeeded in raising the honour and the name of the United States of America; therefore,

M. de la Fayette, &c. deemed citizens.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marquis de la Fayette, and his heirs male for ever, shall be, and they and each of them are hereby deemed, adjudged, and taken to be, natural born citizens of this state, and shall henceforth be entitled to all the immunities, rights and privileges, of natural born citizens thereof, they and every of them conforming to the constitution and laws of this state, in the enjoyment and exercise of such immunities, rights and privileges.

An ACT for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 400.

Another act November, 1787, ch. 32.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, by his petition sets forth, that his father Daniel Cresap, some time in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-five, obtained a warrant of resurvey upon a tract of land called Three Spring Bottom, in Washington county, of which tract the said Daniel was then seized and possessed, and made a resurvey thereon, including within the lines of the said resurvey the quantity of nine hundred and thirty acres of land, and called the same Prather's Defeat, as appears by the certificate of the same, dated the sixteenth day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-six; and returned into the land-office; and that some time after, he the said Daniel tendered unto his lordship's agent the caution money for the vacancy included in the said resurvey, which money was then refused by the said agent, because the said certificate could not be found in the land-office, from whence it had been taken out, and has since been found and returned into the office: And whereas also the said Joseph hath further shewn, that the foresaid Daniel hath assigned over, for a valuable consideration, all his right and interest in and to the said certificate, and the lands included therein, unto the said Joseph Cresap, and that the money due thereon has been tendered to the treasurer of the western shore of this state, and was refused by the said treasurer, because he doubted whether by law he was authorized to receive the same;

Treasurer to receive caution money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of this state be hereby authorized and required to receive from the same Joseph the caution money due upon the said certificate of resurvey, agreeable to the rules and regulations in force at the time when the same was executed, and that thereupon the register of the land-office, on the application of the said Joseph, shall and he is hereby directed to make unto the said Joseph a patent for the same, saving to all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several and respective rights.

An ACT to confirm the title of Edward Lloyd in and to a tract of land in Talbot county, called Soldier's Delight. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 401. A Private Act.

An ACT to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 402.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that great numbers of weirs and hedges have of late been erected in and upon the eastern and north-west branches of Patowmack river,