

ver, near the town of Bladensburg, to the great injury of the navigation of the said river and of the trade of the said town; therefore, C H A P. XV.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all wears and hedges, already made or hereafter to be made, in the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack, which obstruct or injure the free navigation thereof, shall be, and are hereby deemed and declared, nuisances, and may be, by any person or persons, pulled down, prostrated and abated, as such. Wears, &c. may be pulled down, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person or persons whatsoever shall, after the first day of April next, put, place or make, any wear or hedge, or any other erection, which may injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the river Patowmack, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every such offence, to be recovered before any magistrate of the county of Prince-George's, one half to the informer, or him or them that will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of this state. Not to be erected, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons who shall fish any such wear or hedge, already erected, or which shall hereafter be erected, so as to obstruct or injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the said river Patowmack, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of three pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed. Penalty on fishing, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, upon the water above the town of Bladensburg, so as to obstruct the natural course of the said water, or to cause the said water to overflow any part of the said town of Bladensburg, shall be deemed and taken to be nuisances, and may be abated as such; and any person making, erecting or fishing, such hedge or wear, after the first day of April next, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid. Wears not to be erected above Bladensburg, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to ascertain, establish and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 403. Passed 22d of Jan. 1785.

WHEREAS the commissioners of Queen-Anne's county, appointed to sell the court-house and prison, with the public grounds, at Queen's-town, cannot sell or dispose of the same without previously settling the bounds thereof; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Queen-Anne's county for laying off the public grounds on Corsica creek, and for selling the public property at Queen's-town, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off the public ground at Queen's-town, and make a plot of the same, and to take and reduce to writing all evidence and proof to the bounds and location of the said ground; and the same, with the plot by them made, to record among the records of Queen-Anne's county, in perpetual memory of the said bounds and location. Public ground to be laid off, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 404.

A Supplement 1785, ch. 16.

C H A P. XVIII.

A Bill, entitled, An act for underpinning and arching the court-house of Baltimore county, in Baltimore-town, and the extension of Calvert-street. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 405.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the court-house in the town of Baltimore, by its position on a hill about twenty feet above the pitch of Calvert-street, and by crossing the street in a due east and west course, checks the town both in its growth and prosperity, inasmuch as the extent of Calvert-street is limited by the court-house, and all direct intercourse with the country thereby prevented: And whereas it is represented, that the said court-house, by being underpinned and arched; that is to say, by three arches added to the building on the south side, and an equal number of corresponding arches on the north side, the centre arches to be twenty-eight feet in the clear and eighteen feet high, the others six feet in the clear and twelve feet high, or thereabout, would thereby open a direct communication with the country, and permit the pitch of