

CHAP. LIII.

lin's, on the road leading to Ellicott's upper mill, by his said millseat, to intersect the road leading by Ellicott's lower mill at or near John Pierpoint's smith shop, in Baltimore county aforesaid. And whereas a number of the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties aforesaid have recommended the above road to be made, and it appearing reasonable to grant the prayer of said petitioner; therefore,

A road to be laid out, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Robert Davis, Nicholas Ridgely Warfield and Elam Bailly, or any two of them, be and are hereby authorized and required, as commissioners, to lay out a waggon road, not exceeding forty feet wide, beginning at the road leading to Ellicott's upper mill, at or near Isaac Harlin's, in Anne-Arundel county aforesaid, and leading by said Randall's millseat to intersect the road leading from Ellicott's lower mill to Baltimore town, at or near John Pierpoint's smith shop, in Baltimore county aforesaid; which said road, when made, shall be a public road.

Damage to be ascertained, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall ascertain and value what damage such road running through any person's land as aforesaid shall amount to, which shall be paid to such persons damaged as aforesaid by the said Nicholas Randall.

Not to go thro' orchards, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road shall not go through any orchard, garden or meadow, unless with the approbation and consent of the owner.

CHAP. LIV.

An ACT for altering the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 487.

CHAP. LV.

Passed 22d of Jan. 1785.

An ACT to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 503.

Preamble.

WHEREAS justice and policy require that this state ought, on all occasions, most inviolably and religiously to preserve its plighted faith and honour, and to use every means in its ability and power to comply with its engagements to its creditors, without any discrimination, preference or deduction, and to provide sufficient funds to secure the payment of all debts due from the public, within such reasonable time as the circumstances of the people will permit; and if possible annually to discharge part of the principal of the public debt, and at all events the interest accruing thereon;

Funds to be consolidated, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the present funds belonging to this state, consisting of all confiscated British property unsold, and not specially reserved, subject to the disposal of the general assembly, and all debts for confiscated British property sold, and all other debts on bond, (except only as herein after excepted,) and all arrearages of taxes due this state before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, shall be and hereby are consolidated and made a general and aggregate fund, and are hereby pledged to all the creditors of the state, for the payment of the principal of their debt on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, and for payment in the mean-time of the interest of six per cent. annually, to commence on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

Bonds to be laid apart, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bonds taken or to be taken and lodged in the treasury before the first day of June next, for property heretofore sold, and payable in specie only, by the act or acts under which such property hath been sold, and where the money is due or may be due before the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty, and so many of the bonds lodged or to be lodged before the first day of June next in the treasury, for payment of the two emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, as may be necessary to ensure the redemption of the said bills, shall be laid apart and kept separate for the purpose of redeeming those two emissions.

To be listed, &c.

IV. AND, if the bonds lodged or to be lodged and laid apart as aforesaid shall not be sufficient to redeem the said two emissions, to provide for such deficiency, BE IT ENACTED, That so many of the bonds lodged or to be lodged before the said first day of June in the treasury, for the redemption of the emission of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and so many of the bonds which may, in virtue of this act be taken for property already sold and not bonded, for the redemption of the said emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, and May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, as will