IX. And BE IT ENACTED, That the faid intendant, before he enters on the execution of his C H A P. office, shall give bond before the governor and the council, with two good securities, in the sum of LXX. twenty thousand pounds current money, with condition for the diligent and faithful performance of &c. the several duties required of him by this act; and he shall also take an oath, faithfully and impartially to discharge the trust reposed in him by this act, to the best of his skill and knowledge.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the faid intendant shall refuse to act, resign, remove out of the Howavacan-state, or die, in the recess of the general assembly, the governor, with the advice of the council, cy is to be filled, may appoint a fit and proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

An ACT to empower James Wignell to fell the real estate of John Ashburner, deceased, for the Passed 22d of payment of his debts. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 539. A Private Act.

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An ACT enabling the governor to exercise certain powers therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 541.

WHEREAS certain provisions were made for the benefit and relief of disabled and maimed Preamble. officers, soldiers and mariners, by an act passed at the October session, seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and the execution of the said law was given to the justices of the orphans court in Chapter 14. each county: And whereas the officers of the Maryland line under such circumstances, have petitioned the general assembly to place the execution of said law in the hands of the governor, so far as said law relates to commissioned officers; and it appearing reasonable and proper to this general assembly to grant their petition;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the execution of fo much of said Execution law above recited as relates to commissioned officers of the Maryland line be placed in the hands of placed in the the governor, and he is hereby authorised to exercise the powers given by said law, in as ample a manner as the justices of the orphans court were empowered to do.

An ACT for the benefit of Thomas Bacon and James Bacon. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 541. A Private Act.

An ACT to repeal such part of the acts (a) of assembly therein mentioned as authorised Thomas Contee to collect the debts of William Molleson and of William and Robert Molleson. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 542. A. Private Act.

(a) April, 1782, ch. 46, November, 1782, ch. 18.

An ACT to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 543.

Supplementary and other acts 1785, ch. 67, November, 1787, ch. 32.

HEREAS, by the act, (b) entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the offi-Preamble. cers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, it was enacted, that all the lands within this state in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, and for which located warrants had not issued or surveys been made under common warrants, and were then bona side the property of any subject of this or any of the United States, and on which the money had been actually paid, should be and were thereby appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands thereto made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly should thereaster direct, and that no grant should issue on any survey made in virtue of such warrants before the order of the general assembly: And whereas divers of the citizens of this state are justly entitled to have their titles persected in lands lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, on certificates of survey made before the passing of the said act, in virtue of warrants sairly obtained and duly executed, and the with-holding their patents is not only prejudicial to them but injurious to the state, in delaying the settlement and improvement of those lands,

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