

C H A P. XXVII.

even and equal proportion, a sum not exceeding ten pounds current money yearly, to be paid to their clerk; and they shall have power to remove or displace their clerk as often as they shall think fit.

Purchasers to hold their lots, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every purchaser of any of the lots in the said town in fee, and every lessee thereof for years, on rent reserved, shall hold and possess the same against any person hereafter claiming title to the same, and shall not be disturbed in their possession; and if any person shall hereafter make claim to the land, or any part thereof, laid off in virtue of this act, and shall, by due course of law, make good title thereto, such person shall be entitled to recover from the said Thomas Beall, his heirs, devisee, executors or administrators, any purchase money or rents by him received from any of the purchasers or lessees of any of the said lots, and, upon any such recovery, the tenants holding under the said Thomas Beall shall thereafter hold under and pay the rent reserved to the person making title to and recovering the same land.

Houses already built to be continued, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the buildings already built on the land so as aforesaid to be laid out by the said commissioners, and erected into a town, should happen to interfere with, or stand on any of the streets laid off in virtue of this act, the same shall be permitted to continue, but shall not at any time hereafter be repaired or rebuilt.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1787.

C H A P. XXVIII. An ACT for the benefit of the reverend Henry Addison. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 124. A Private Act.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT to enable the justices of Anne-Arundel county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of the four children of Caleb Hazle, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 125.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for opening and extending a road from Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to Patowmack river, at the mouth of Conococheague creek. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 126.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Washington county, by their petition to this general assembly, did set forth, that a numerous concourse of people, travelling to and from Philadelphia, and other parts of Pennsylvania, to Winchester, and other parts of Virginia, as well as great numbers of the inhabitants of said county, are reduced to great trouble and inconvenience from the badness and crookedness of said road from Elizabeth-town to Patowmack, at the mouth of Conococheague creek, and that said road may be much streightened and amended without any injury to individuals, but great numbers benefitted by having a road on a streight line between the two places;

Justices to appoint commissioners, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Washington county court shall be and are hereby empowered to appoint Henry Shryock, Richard Pindle and Paul Hoy, commissioners to lay out a road from Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to the Patowmack river, at the mouth of Conococheague creek, on as streight a line as the nature of the ground will admit, and are hereby empowered and directed to value and ascertain the damages which shall or may be occasioned by such road to the proprietor or proprietors of such land through which the same shall be so extended, and upon payment or tender of such damages by any person or persons to the proprietor or proprietors aforesaid, the said road shall be deemed a public road and highway.

Road to be opened, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED; That said road, so laid out, and damages ascertained and satisfied as aforesaid, shall be opened and cleared forty feet wide; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to call on the overseers of said highway to open and clear the same, and that said road be considered as the main road from Elizabeth-town to Patowmack, at the mouth of Conococheague; and under the direction of the court of Washington county.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT to suspend the erecting of the public buildings in Caroline county.— Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 128.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a petition has been preferred to this general assembly by many of the inhabitants of Caroline county, praying that the public buildings of the said county may be erected at Choptank