

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 3d of November, and ended the 23d day of December, in the year of our Lord 1788, the following laws were enacted.

JOHN EAGER HOWARD, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

Passed 22d of
Dec. 1788.

An ACT to enable the judges of the general court to continue certain causes therein mentioned, and to adjourn the county courts therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 1.

A Supplement, ch. 9.

Preamble.

WHEREAS several gentlemen having business in the said courts are obliged to attend the general assembly as members thereof, and sundry causes in the general court are ready for trial, and cannot by law be continued beyond the present October term;

Causes may be
continued.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the general court may, in their discretion, continue all causes now depending in the general court for the western shore, to the second Tuesday of May next.

Courts adjourn-
ed.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the court of Montgomery county, to be held on the second Tuesday of November, shall be and is hereby adjourned to the second Tuesday of January next; and the court for Washington county to be held on the fourth Tuesday of November, shall be and is hereby adjourned to the fourth Tuesday of January next.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the adjournment of Harford county court. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 2.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to prevent the going at large of swine, goats and geese, in Elkton, in Cecil county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 2. Repealed by 1793, ch. 42.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 3.

Supplements 1790, ch. 8, November, 1792, ch. 13.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that wolves are very numerous and mischievous in many of the counties in this state, and that they destroy great numbers of sheep;

Justices to give
a certificate,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when and as often as any credible free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace, within any of the counties of this state, the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, (or affirmation,) that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads were actually caught and killed within the limits of that county in which he or they pray an allowance, and within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to give such person or persons producing, a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath, (or affirmation,) taken, and therein distinguishing which or how many of the heads of the old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolf's head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves, of which the head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words old wolf or wolves; and that every justice, before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate