

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all writs, executions, and other process, to be issued in either of the said counties returnable to March court next, and all summonses, and other process, to be issued returnable to November adjourned court, in either of the said counties, shall bear test as of the days when the said courts would have met in the month of November last, as if the said recited act had not passed.

C H A P. IX.
Writs, &c. to bear test, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in each of the counties in this state where the sheriff may not have been qualified, or given bond, and the courts of the said counties have been adjourned, it shall and may be lawful for three or more of the justices of the said courts, to meet in court at any day before the day to which they may be adjourned, and to exercise similar powers to those herein given to the justices of Montgomery and Washington county courts for the qualification and taking security of the sheriffs of those counties, which qualification and giving of bond under this act shall be as effectual to every purpose as if they had taken place at the said courts before adjournment.

Justices in each county may meet, &c.

C H A P. X.

An ACT directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 8. Repealed by 1790, ch. 16.

Passed 22d of Dec. 1788.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the relief of the creditors of Anthony Stewart. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 13.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT for the relief of Patrick Edwards, of Kent county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 14. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for altering the time of holding the courts in Anne-Arundel county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 14.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for the relief of the poor of Caroline county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 15.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the inhabitants of Caroline county are burthened with taxes for the support of the poor in said county, whose numbers annually increase; and notwithstanding the large sums granted to that use, they are not comfortably supported under the present regulations; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be an alms and work-house erected and built in Caroline county, at a convenient place therein, at the general charge and expence of the said county; and that the justices of the said county for the time being shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy, in equal proportion on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying the county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, seventeen hundred and ninety, and seventeen hundred and ninety-one, together with the collector's commission of six per centum thereon for collecting the same; which said rate and assessment, so as aforesaid to be laid and levied, shall be collected by the collectors of the said county in the same manner, and at the same time, as the county rate is collected; and the said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the said collector to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

An alms and work-house to be erected, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the time being the several persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed trustees for the poor within the said county, and are empowered, with full and sufficient authority, to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts reposed and required of them by this act; that is to say, Messieurs William Wheatly, Joseph Douglafs, Thomas Hardcastle, Joshua Wallace and Henry Downs; which persons, or the major part of them, in case of the death or absence of any, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place within their county as to them shall seem meet, to qualify themselves for the office of trustees for the poor appointed by law to be taken to the government, and also taking the following oath: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trust committed to

Trustees appointed, &c.

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