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to the best of their skill and judgment, do and perform all and singular the matters and things enjoined and required of them by the act, entitled; An act to regulate the affize of bread.

Assessors to remain in office one year, &c.

IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the assessors directed to be appointed by the justices of the peace as aforesaid, shall remain in the exercise of such office for the space of one year; and at the expiration of every year it shall and may be lawful for the said justices, or their successors, at the next session of their respective courts to be holden thereafter, to appoint three assessors for the purposes intended by this act for the ensuing year, and so from year to year as often as it may be necessary to regulate the affize of bread in any such city, town or place, within any county of this state; and if any of the assessors to be appointed in virtue of this act shall die, remove, refuse, or otherwise become disabled to act in such office, it shall and may be lawful for any two justices of the peace (a) in any county wherein such vacancy shall happen, on application to them made, forthwith to hold a meeting in the city, town or place, where such assessor shall be necessary, and to appoint another person, resident therein, to supply the place of such disabled assessor for the remainder of the year; and whereupon the person so appointed shall be authorized, together with the other assessors belonging to such place, to discharge the several duties required by this act.

(a) By 1791, ch. 10, the powers given by this act to justices of the peace are vested in the commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, appointed under the act of 1799, ch. 14: By 1791, ch. 59, section 14, the street commissioners of Baltimore-town were directed to do every thing enjoined on the magistrates by this act, and to make all necessary regulations for carrying it into execution, as fully as if they had been named therein. By 1796, ch. 68, all the powers given to the commissioners were transferred to the corporation of the city of Baltimore; and the corporation is, by the said act, empowered to regulate and affix the affize of bread.

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Passed 19th of Dec. 1789.

An ACT for the relief of Sarah Hall, of Baltimore county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 98. A Private Act.

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An ACT for the benefit of Samuel Chase, of Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 99.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said Samuel Chase, by his memorial to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he, in company with John and Thomas Dorsey, and in company with John and Thomas Dorsey and Luke Wheeler, became very largely indebted by bond and otherwise to the state and private creditors; that the property belonging to the said two companies will pay but a very small part of their debts; that the said John Dorsey and Luke Wheeler are insolvent; that the far greater part of the said debts hath been paid, or secured to be paid, by the said Thomas Dorsey; that he is indebted, in his own account and private credit, in considerable sums of money, and that all his property is greatly insufficient to discharge his private debts, and also what he is liable to pay of the said partnership debts; that he is desirous of paying his private debts, and also as much of the debts of the said companies as his present circumstances and ability will permit, and for that purpose that he hath proposed to Thomas Dorsey, (the only solvent partner in the said two companies,) to convey to him, his heirs and assigns, all his right, title and claim, to all property belonging to the said two partnerships, and also all his right and title to an undivided eighth part or share of certain confiscated British property, known by the name of The Nottingham Forges, and White Marsh Furnace, consisting of three thousand eight hundred and seventy and an half acres of land, sixty negro slaves, some teams, coal waggons and horses, and household furniture, and three hundred and forty-eight acres of land, part of a tract of land called Darnall's Camp, bought by the memorialist of the state, in partnership with captain Charles Ridgely and six other persons, and paid for by the memorialist, and of all the increase of the said negroes and stock, and all profits arising from the said purchase, since the time of making the same, subject nevertheless to the claim of the state against the said two companies, or either of them, and that thereupon, and thereafter, he should by law be forever acquitted and discharged from all debts due, or contracted, and all covenants and agreements made by him on account of either of the said partnerships, and that the said Thomas Dorsey hath given his approbation of, and consent to, this proposal; that after conveyance to the said Thomas Dorsey of the said forge, furnace, lands, negroes and stock, with their increase and profits, the residue of his property will not be sufficient to discharge his private debts; and prayed that a law may pass, that on his making such conveyance of the said property belonging to the said two partnerships, and also of his private property above mentioned, to the said Thomas Dorsey, his heirs and assigns, that he shall for ever thereafter be acquitted and discharged from all debts heretofore due, or contracted by him and the said Thomas and John Dorsey, or by him and the said John and Thomas Dorsey and Luke