

C H A P. XXIX.

October and December, and the same courts shall have the same powers and jurisdiction respectively as other county and orphans courts within this state.

By 1796, ch. 43, the county courts are directed to be held on the third Mondays in April and October, and by 1798, ch. 101, the orphans courts are directed to be held in each county on the second Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Causes, how long to continue.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all civil causes to be brought in Allegany county shall be determined within two courts from the appearance court, and none shall continue longer, unless under such circumstances as civil causes in other county courts may be continued longer than three courts from the appearance court.

Governor, &c. to commission justices, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council be authorized and required to commission fit and proper persons in the said county to act as justices of the peace, and fit and proper persons as justices of the orphans court, as also surveyor and other officers, and that a fit and proper person be appointed by the governor and council sheriff of Allegany county, and be commissioned and qualified in the usual manner, to continue in office until a new appointment shall take place in the other counties of this state, under an election according to the constitution and form of government.

Place to be fixed.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at the first election to be held in the said county for a sheriff, the voters of said county shall and may, by a majority of votes, determine the place at which the courts of the said county shall be held after the said election.

C H A P. XXX.

Passed 25th of Dec. 1789.

An ACT to carry into execution a resolve of the congress of the United States respecting the safe keeping of persons committed under the authority of the United States to gaols of this state. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 159.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it was, on the twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, by a resolve of the congress of the United States, recommended to the legislatures of the several states to pass laws providing for the safe keeping of all such persons as might be committed to the gaols of the several states, under the authority of the United States;

Sheriffs to receive prisoners, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the several sheriffs in this state to receive, and safe keep in their respective gaols, all such prisoners as may be committed under the authority of the United States, until they shall be discharged by the due course of the laws thereof, under the like penalties as in the case of prisoners committed under the authority of this state; provided nevertheless, that the United States are to pay for the use and keeping of such of the gaols of this state at the rate of fifty cents per month for each prisoner that shall, under their authority, be committed thereto, during the time such prisoners shall be therein confined, which sum shall be paid to the sheriff for the use of the county at the time of the discharge of any such prisoner; and provided also, that they are to support such of said prisoners as shall be committed under their authority to any of the gaols of this state for offences against the constitution or the laws of the United States.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT for the benefit of Saint-Mary-Anne's parish, in Cecil county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 160.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said parish, under the late proprietary government, had erected a church on four acres of land, part of the reserve in North-east manor, and the said land had been appropriated to the use of the said church, but the legal title therein never hath been completed, and cannot be completed without the aid of the legislature;

Chancellor to order a patent, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor be empowered to order a patent to the vestry of the said Saint-Mary-Anne's parish, for the said four acres of land, in the same manner as if the said land had been purchased of the intendant under the laws for selling confiscated property, and a certificate of such purchase had been lodged in the land-office; and on such patent the vestry for the time being of Saint-Mary-Anne's parish shall hold the said four acres of land