

Passed 27th of
Dec. 1791.
1790, ch. 51.

A Supplement to an act, * entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes. Lib.

JG. No. 1. fol. 396.

Preamble.

WHEREAS no allowance is made by the said act to the sheriff of Saint-Mary's county for services performed by him in virtue of the same, although the said sheriff is liable to all the duties and penalties by the same prescribed;

Allowance to
sheriffs, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the late, and every succeeding sheriff of Saint-Mary's county, shall receive, as a reward for his trouble under the said act, the sum of five pounds twelve shillings and six-pence *per annum*, which shall be paid out of the public treasury; in consideration whereof, the said sheriffs shall respectively defray all such charges as shall accrue by reason of the conveyance of all letters and packets by them respectively conveyed in virtue of the said act.

Duration.

III. This act to continue and be in force during the continuance of the act to which it is a supplement.

See the several continuances under the act, which, by 1798, ch. 71, is enacted into a permanent law.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of the several counties therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 397.

Three trustees
to be a board,
&c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after this session of assembly, be and they are hereby constituted a sufficient board to transact any business as trustees of the poor for their several counties, and that any business done by three trustees, met together by appointment for the transacting of business as aforesaid, shall be as valid as if done by the whole of the said trustees, any law heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Who may bind
out orphans,
&c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees as aforesaid, or any three of them, to bind out any orphans under their care in said poor-house, to any discreet person applying for said orphan or orphans, always having a regard to give a preference to tradesmen and mechanics, by obliging said applicants for said orphan or orphans to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he follows, and to find him in good sufficient cloathing, meat, drink, washing and lodging, and to give such education as masters are obliged to give to apprentices bound by the several county courts of this state; and said indenture, when so taken, shall be lodged with the clerk of the county where such indenture is taken, by any one of the trustees of the poor of said county, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of three pounds for every neglect, to be recovered by presentment in the county court (a) of the county where any such orphan shall be bound, and applied to the use and benefit of the poor of said county; and the clerk of said county shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record the said indenture as other indentures heretofore taken for orphans bound by the court of said county, and the said clerk shall be allowed the sum of three shillings current money for each and every indenture so received and recorded, to be assessed in the levy of said county.

(a) By 1793, ch. 24, such fines are to be recovered by warrant from a justice of the peace.

Fine for non-
attendance.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any the trustees of the poor of the counties aforesaid shall neglect to attend on any the days appointed by the trustees for the meeting of said trustees, and transacting of business, it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, or any three of them, when met as aforesaid, to proceed to fine such person or persons so neglecting to attend, in any sum not exceeding ten shillings for every such neglect, to be applied as aforesaid.

An ACT to empower the justices of the peace of Charles county to assess and levy a sum of money on said county to repair their court-house and build a record-office. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 398.

A Supplement November, 1792, ch. 6.