

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the tax imposed on dwelling-houses, storehouses and warehouses, by virtue of this act, shall continue and be in force until the thirtieth day of October next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. LXIX. Taxes to continue, &c.

The original act is declared, by 1796, ch. 68, to be a perpetual law, subject to alterations to be made by the corporation or by the legislature, and the powers given by that and other acts are transferred to the corporation.

C H A P. LXX.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 662.

Passed 22d of Dec. 1792.

C H A P. LXXI.

An ACT for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 663.

This act was repealed by 1797, ch. 89, section 44, except the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th sections, which are here inserted.

XII. AND, whereas since the last average valuation of lands in the several counties of this state, Washington county hath been divided, and a new county erected out of it by the name of Allegany, and it is necessary to fix an average on the lands in Allegany county, BE IT ENACTED, That the average value of the lands by the acre in Allegany county be four shillings current money.

Average value in Allegany,

XIII. AND, whereas the lands in Allegany county are greatly inferior in value to the lands in Washington county, and it is right and proper that the average of the whole should not be diminished, BE IT ENACTED, That the average value of the lands in Washington county shall be twenty-four shillings per acre, any thing in the before-mentioned act to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And in Washington county, &c.

XIV. AND, whereas large quantities of land to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, have been granted, disposed of or sold, by the state to different persons, and in many cases the persons to whom the same have been disposed of were vested with an estate in fee-simple therein, without any patent therefor, in virtue of an act (a) to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, and sundry supplementary acts thereto; BE IT ENACTED, That all lands granted, disposed of or sold, in virtue of the said act and supplements thereto, shall be and they are hereby made chargeable with any public tax or assessment, or county charge, that may hereafter be laid or imposed, according to the respective value which shall be set upon such lands in virtue of this act.

Lands made chargeable, &c.

(a) November, 1788, ch. 44.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of the land-office shall, on the first day of April next, make out a list of all lands granted, disposed of or sold, in virtue of any of the said acts, and deliver the same, directed to the commissioners of the tax for Allegany county, sealed and endorsed as aforesaid, to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be forwarded as aforesaid; and the said register shall, on the first day of March annually, make out and deliver to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be forwarded as aforesaid, lists of all lands which may, after the aforesaid first day of April next, be sold or disposed of in virtue of any of the aforesaid acts, or by any future act of the general assembly.

Register to make out a list, &c.

C H A P. LXXII.

An ACT to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs, and to direct their conduct respecting runaways. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 679.

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WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the sheriffs of the respective counties have neglected to advertise runaways, to the great injury of the owners; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it be the duty of the several and respective sheriffs, and they are hereby required and directed, upon any runaway being committed to their custody, to cause the same to be advertised in some public news-paper within twenty days after such commitment, and to make particular and minute description of the person, cloaths, and any bodily marks, of such runaway.

Runaways committed to be advertised, &c.

III. AND