ulual commission for collection, to be collected by the collector of faid county in the same manner as CHAP. other county charges are collected, and when collected by the collector, to be paid to the faid commissioners, or a majority of them, or to their order; and the said bridge, when completed, shall be kept up and repaired in the same manner that other public bridges in said county are by law directed to be kept up and repaired.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, In case any vacancy shall happen among the said commissioners, the How vacancles remaining commissioner or commissioners shall have power to fill up such vacancy, until the said are to be filled. bridge be finished.

V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the faid commissioners, or a majority of them, after An account to the faid new bridge is finished, shall render to the justices of the peace of said county, at their next levy court, a full and fair account of the expenditures of the aforesaid sum of money, and if any furplus of money shall remain in the hands of the said commissioners, or any of them, they shall pay over the same to the justices of the peace, or some three of them, which shall be applied to defraying the public charge of faid county.

C H A P. LXXXI.

An ACT further extending the time for making returns of certain Passed 24th of Dec. 1795. certificates and plots. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 381.

WHEREAS it appears that several certificates and plots have not been returned to the land- Preamble. office of the western-shore within the time limitted by an act passed at November session, feventeen hundred and ninety-four, * entitled, An act further extending the time for making returns . Chapter 35. of certain certificates and plots, and it is right and reasonable further to extend the said time; there-

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Affembly of Maryland, That all certificates and plots, made Certain certifiagreeably to and in virtue of an act, # entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of getting titles to cates to be rethe purchasers of certain conficated property, which shall or may be returned to the register of the ceived, &c. land-office for the western shore on or before the first day of August next, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned agreeably to the time mentioned in the first above recited act.

C H A P. LXXXII.

An ACT declaring the power of the governor in certain criminal cases. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 382.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor for the time being shall Governor to iffue a warrant, have full power and authority, and he is hereby required, whenever sentence of death is pronounced against any criminal by the judgment of any court of this state, to issue, under his hand, a warrant to the sheriff of the county who by such judgment ought by law to execute the same, to order and direct the faid sheriff to execute the said judgment, at such time as in his warrant he shall appoint, pursuant to such judgment.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor for the time being shall have full power and authori- May commute ty, in his discretion, to commute or change any sentence or judgment of death, passed on any crimi- any sentence, nal by any court of this state, into other punishment of labour, or to banishment of such criminal from this state, upon such terms and conditions, and for such period, as he shall think expedient, and if such criminal be a slave, against whom any such judgment or sentence is or may be passed, to commute and change the faid judgment into transportation and sale in some foreign country, for the benefit of the state.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor for the time being shall have full power and authori- And grant nolle ty, in granting any nolle profequi before fentence or judgment, to grant the fame on fuch conditions, prosequi on conand under fuch limitations and restrictions therein contained, as in his discretion may appear most divions, &c. adviseable to preserve and secure the peace and good government of this state.

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