

C. H. A. P. XLVII.

Passed 30th of Decr. 1796.

An ACT to authorize and empower the vestry of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, to sell and dispose of the negroes belonging to said parish, and for other purposes. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 498.

WHEREAS the rector, vestrymen, churchwardens, and the other inhabitants of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, by their petition to this general assembly have represented, that there are belonging to the said parish a number of negroes, many of whom are unfit for labour, and are expensive to the said parish, and have prayed that a law may pass to authorize and empower the vestry of the said parish to dispose of all or so many of the said negroes as they may think proper, and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the vestry of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to sell and dispose of, by private or at public sale, upon a credit or for ready money as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the said parish, all or so many of the negroes belonging to the said parish as they may think proper, and the money arising from such sales to invest in real or other property, in their discretion, for the use and benefit of the said parish.

Vestry may sell, &c.

III. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said vestry shall not invest in real estate a greater sum of money arising from such sales than two thousand pounds current money of Maryland.

Proviso.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the lands, tenements and other property, which may be purchased by the said vestry in pursuance of this act, shall be conveyed to and vested in the vestry of William and Mary parish, as trustees of the said parish.

Lands to be conveyed, &c.

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An ACT to empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 499.

WHEREAS Anne Welsh, of Anne Arundel county, by her petition to this general assembly has set forth, that she is, through age and infirmities, rendered incapable of maintaining her daughter Cincy Welsh, (now in her thirtieth year, and an idiot from her birth,) and that her said daughter is not capable of helping herself, in any manner, and prays that a law may pass for the support of her daughter out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the said petition appearing reasonable,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Anne Arundel county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding forty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Cincy Welsh, daughter of the aforesaid Anne Welsh, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the aforesaid Anne Welsh by the collector or collectors of Anne Arundel county, agreeable to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

Justices to levy money, &c.

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An ACT to prevent hogs from going at large at George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 500.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons do raise and keep great numbers of hogs, and suffer them to go and remain at large, within said village, to the great injury of the inhabitants thereof,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the end of this session of assembly it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to raise or keep any hog or hogs within said village, except in enclosures; and if any hog or hogs shall be found going and remaining at large within the said village, it shall and may be lawful for any person to impound the same, and

No person to raise or keep hogs, &c.

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