

to deliver the same to them without delay, and to have such of them as the said commissioners may think proper recorded among the records of the territory of Columbia. C H A P. LIV.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said books and papers relating to the drawing of the lottery, and the original laying out of said addition, as well as those relating to the survey hereby directed to be made, when so recorded, or any attested copy of said records, under the hand and seal of the clerk, shall be good evidence of the same, or any part thereof, in any court of law or equity in this state. Which shall be good evidence, &c.

V. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any building or improvement shall interfere with or stand on any street, lane, or alley, of said addition to George-town, according to the original location thereof, which shall by virtue of this law be thrown into any street, lane or alley, the same shall not be deemed a nuisance, but may stand and be occupied by the present owner or owners, but shall not be rebuilt or repaired. Proviso.

VI. BE IT ENACTED, That the mayor's court of George-town, be and the same is hereby vested with full power and authority to fill any vacancy that may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, in the board of commissioners aforesaid. How vacancies are to be filled.

VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said mayor's court, be and the same is hereby vested with full power and authority to fill the vacancy that has happened in the board of commissioners mentioned in the act, * entitled, An act to open a road from George-town to a bridge to be erected over the river Patowmack, at or near the Little Falls, by the death of Thomas Clarke, therein named, and to fill any vacancies that may hereafter happen by death, resignation or otherwise. Court may fill a vacancy, &c. * 1795, ch. 44.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the expence arising from the execution of this act shall be paid by the petitioner. Expence to be paid.

C H A P. LV.

An ACT for building a record-office, and securing and transcribing certain records and papers, in Baltimore county, and rebuilding two bridges over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, in said county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 506. Passed 31st of Dec. 1796.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Gibson, William Buchanan, (of George,) and Thomas Worthington, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree with any person or persons in Baltimore county to erect and build a record-office on the public ground in Baltimore-town, sufficiently large for receiving and securing the public records and papers now in the office of the register of wills and clerk of the said county; and immediately upon the completion of the said building, the said records and papers shall be removed thereto, and be kept in distinct and separate apartments; and the said commissioners are hereby directed to cause the said building to be covered with slate or tile, and a part thereof to be paved and arched with brick or stone, of sufficient strength and thickness to secure the said records and papers from fire, or other injury. Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Baltimore county court shall levy and assess on the assessable property of Baltimore county a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, (a) With the usual commission to the sheriff for collection, to be collected with the county levy in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-seven and seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and paid to the person or persons with whom the said commissioners shall contract. Justices to levy money, &c.

(a) By 1797, ch. 73, this sum is appropriated to the building of the gaol under that act, the said act reciting that the record-office will not be built.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the said county court shall contract with the clerk of the said court for transcribing such records and papers as are in a decayed state, and also for making one general alphabet to the land records of the said county, and to assess the sum of money allowed for such services on the said county, which shall be collected with the county levy; and all records in the said office heretofore transcribed or taken from books which are lost, or which shall be transcribed in virtue of this act, shall be deemed and taken to be the public records of said county, and copies M m m m

And contract with the clerk, &c.