

C H A P. III. Duration.

V. This act to continue and be in force during the continuance and force of the act, (a) entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

(a) 1793, ch. 53, which was to continue during the continuance of the act of congress recited therein. The act of congress is not limited in its duration.

Passed 26th of Jan. 1798.

C H A P. IV. An ACT for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley, and Samuel Hickley. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 575. A Private Act.

A Supplement ch. 6r.

C H A P. V.

An ACT for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 576.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, that they suffer very extensive injury from the ravages committed on their crops by crows and squirrels; and the said inhabitants have prayed that a law may pass to encourage their destruction,

Persons to be allowed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person residing in Queen-Anne's county shall carry to any justice of the peace of the said county the heads or heads of any crow or crows, or the scalp or scalps of any squirrel or squirrels, such person shall be allowed, in the levy of the said county, for every crow's head the sum of six cents, and for every squirrel's scalp the sum of three cents, and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads, scalp or scalps, shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads, scalp or scalps, to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, scalp or scalps, without first making oath or affirmation, as the case may be, or otherwise satisfy the said justice, that such crow or crows, squirrel or squirrels, was or were killed in the said county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such head or heads, scalp or scalps, shall or may be brought in virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the person bringing the same, free and clear from all charges against the person making such oath, or affirmation, any thing to the contrary hereof in any law notwithstanding.

Duration.

IV. This act to continue and be in force till the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to encourage the destruction of wolves in Baltimore county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 577.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wolves are very numerous and mischievous in the county aforesaid, and that they destroy a great number of sheep; therefore,

Justice to give a certificate, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when and as often as any credible free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace for Baltimore county the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads, were actually caught and killed within the limits of Baltimore county within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall and he is hereby authorized and directed to give such person or persons producing the same a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath or affirmation taken, and therein distinguished how many of the heads are of old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolves head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves of which the said head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish it in his certificate by the words Old Wolf or wolves, but if he shall believe the said wolf or wolves to be under the age of six months, that he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words Young Wolf or wolves; and that every justice before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorized