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Chapter 23.

At the expence
of E. Towson.Passed 20th of
Jan. 1798.

Preamble.

Treasurer to
pay, &c.

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Certain deeds
good, &c.

road, when altered, shall pass by or near the buildings of the said Ezekiel Towson, that is to say, beginning for the said alteration at the place where the York turnpike road intersects the orchard of John Hopkins, and running thence with a straight line until it intersects the old York road at or near the said Ezekiel Towson's tavern, thence agreeably to the provisions of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, passed at April session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, * and the supplements thereto, until it again intersects the said York turnpike road, as laid down and confirmed by the said commissioners of review; and when the said road shall be so altered and laid out, two correct plots thereof shall be made out, one to be returned to the clerk of Baltimore county, and one to the register of the city of Baltimore, to be by them recorded amongst their records.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said review, laying out and surveying the road as herein intended to be altered, shall be done at the expence of the said Towson, and that the said Towson shall receive no compensation for any land belonging to said Towson over which said road when altered shall pass as aforesaid.

C H A P. CII.

An ACT to encourage the establishing of a hospital for the relief of indigent sick persons, and for the reception and care of lunatics. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 756.

WHEREAS there are frequently, in many parts of this state, poor distempered persons, who languish long in pain and misery under various disorders of body and mind, and who cannot have the benefit of regular advice, attendance, lodging, diet and medicine, but at an expence which they are unable to defray, and therefore often suffer for want thereof: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that there is a charitable disposition in divers inhabitants of this state to contribute largely towards establishing a common state hospital in or near the city of Baltimore, properly disposed and appointed, where such afflicted persons may be comfortably subsisted, and where their health may be regularly attended to; therefore, for the encouragement of so beneficent an undertaking,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland shall and he is hereby directed to pay to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, or to his order, out of any unappropriated money that may be in the treasury, the sum of eight thousand dollars, to be applied to the establishment of said hospital, upon bond being given, with good and sufficient security, for the faithful application of the said money to the founding, building and furnishing, said hospital, according to the true intent and meaning of this law.

C H A P. CIII.

An ACT respecting the acknowledgment of deeds. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 756.

WHEREAS by the acts heretofore passed for the enrolment and acknowledgment of deeds, no particular form for certifying the said acknowledgment by the person or persons who should take the same is designated or prescribed, and in many instances the judge or justices before whom the said acknowledgments have been made have certified the same very inaccurately, whereby it is apprehended the validity of such deeds may be questioned, contrary to the intention of the parties who executed the same,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where an acknowledgment of a deed hath been made before any person or persons competent by law to receive such acknowledgment, and the said person or persons, receiving such acknowledgment, hath or have certified, by endorsement on said deed, that the grantor, bargainor or vendor, mentioned in the said deed, acknowledged the lands and tenements therein mentioned, to be the right or title of the grantee, bargainee or vendee, or hath or have certified any acknowledgment tantamount thereto, or endorsed any certificate in any words declaratory of the intention of the grantor, bargainor or vendor, to pass or convey the property in said deed mentioned unto such grantee, bargainee or vendee, such deeds shall be as good and available in law against such grantors, bargainors or vendors, their heirs, executors and administrators, as if the person or persons receiving such acknowledgment had certified that the grantor, bargainor or vendor, had acknowledged the said instrument of writing to be his, her or their act and deed, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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