

An ACT for the destruction of wolves in Frederick county. Lib.

Passed 15th of Jan. 1799.

JG. No. 3. fol. 45.

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,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when and as often as any free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace for Frederick 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 Frederick county within six days next before the producing of 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 distinguish 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 then 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 and directed immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue to be taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.

Justice to give a certificate, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate as aforesaid to the justices of Frederick county at the levy court shall, for every old wolf's head be allowed sixteen dollars, and for every young wolf's head be allowed eight dollars, to be by the said justices assessed and levied in the county levy, together with the sheriff's or collector's commission for collecting the same; and to be paid by the sheriff or collector to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid, any thing in any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

To be allowed, &c.

IV. This act to continue and be in force for four years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Duration.

An ACT for the relief of Philemon Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, a lunatic. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 46.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the annual proceeds of the personal estate of the said Philemon Dorsey is by no means sufficient for his support, and that he is seized in fee of two parcels of land, situate in Anne-Arundel county, which are totally unproductive, the one not being improved, and the other subject to the life estate of his mother, and that if the same, or part thereof, were sold on a credit, and the proceeds loaned out on interest, for the use of the said lunatic, that the same would be amply sufficient for his support and maintenance; and it appearing reasonable the real estate of the said lunatic should be applied to his support,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor for the time being shall have power and authority, upon application of any person on the part of said Philemon Dorsey, and being satisfied that it is necessary for the support and maintenance of said Philemon Dorsey, to order the whole, or such part of the real estate of said Philemon Dorsey as he may think necessary, to be sold for the purpose aforesaid, upon such terms as he may think proper, and to appoint a trustee or trustees for the purpose of effecting such sale or sales.

Chancellor to order a sale, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all sales made by the authority of the chancellor under this act, shall be notified to, and confirmed by, the chancellor, before any conveyance of the property shall be made; and bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the chancellor, shall be given by the person or persons empowered to sell the property as aforesaid, for the due execution of the trust committed, which bond shall be lodged with the register in chancery.

To be confirmed by him, &c.

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