

C H A P. LXXXIII.

Passed 18th of Jan. 1799.

An ACT to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases. Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 163.

An act confirmed. Chapter 118.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, * entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed.

C H A P. LXXXIV.

An ACT respecting proceedings in the high court of chancery, Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 164.

Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen, under the existing powers vested in the court of chancery, that the production of books and papers in the possession of either complainant or defendant, and which relate to the matters in issue between the parties, cannot be compelled or enforced, whereby in many instances the ends of justice cannot be obtained; therefore,

Chancellor to have power to decree, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor shall have power and authority, on the application of either party, on the trial of any actions at law depending in the general courts, or on any bill instituted in the chancery court, either for discovery or relief, to require and decree that the parties shall produce either the original books, writings or papers, or copies certified by a justice of the peace, of all such parts of such books, writings or papers, in their possession or power, as contain evidence pertinent to the issue, or relative to the matters in dispute between the parties, to be used as evidence at the trial of such cause or causes; provided, that before any such order shall be made, the party making such application shall satisfy the chancellor, on oath or affirmation, that the said books, writings or papers, contain material and necessary evidence, and that such party cannot safely proceed to the trial of his, her or their case, without the benefit of such testimony.

C H A P. LXXXV.

An ACT to make valid and confirm the title in the lands therein mentioned to Rebecca Maria Harriet Buchanan. Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 164. A Private Act.

C H A P. LXXXVI.

* 1792, ch. 76.

A Supplement to the act, * entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor. Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 165.

Chancellor's salary.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor shall be entitled to receive, for all duties and services whatever prescribed, or to be prescribed, by law, an annual salary of twelve hundred and seventy-five pounds current money, and no more, to be paid quarterly by the treasurer of the western shore.

Duration.

II. This act to continue and be in force till the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. LXXXVII.

* 1797, ch. 73.

A Supplement to an act, * entitled, An act for building a new gaol in Baltimore county. Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 165.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is a supplement the commissioners therein named are directed to build the new gaol for Baltimore county upon the public grounds in the city of Baltimore appropriated by law for the gaol and court-house of said county, and it being represented that the said grounds are situated within a small distance from the most central and populous part of the said city, and consequently highly improper for such a building; therefore,

Commissioners may receive by donation, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners named in the original act to which this is a supplement, or a majority of them, or a majority of such as shall be duly appointed,