

BOUNDING LANDS.

the party shall be seized of an estate in fee in the said lands. *Ibid.*

When vacant land is so discovered, and is not requested to be applied to make good deficiency, the commissioners shall, if requested, award the pre-emption thereof, or a part thereof, to any proprietor of the lands adjoining. *Ibid.* § 10.

But the whole quantity to one proprietor not to exceed fifty acres, unless his adjoining tract exceeds 1000 acres, in which case they may allow at the rate of \$1 for every 100 acres. *Ibid.* The person obtaining such pre-emption shall have six months to procure a warrant from the land office to affect and secure the land, and on complying with the requisites, a grant shall issue therefor. *Ibid.*

Nothing in this act to affect any land warrant already issued and located. *Ibid.* § 11.

BREAD.

Regulations respecting the packing and exportation of bread from Charles town. 1754, ch. 27; § 13, 14.

The assize of bread regulated. 1789, ch. 8.

The powers given to justices by the above act vested in the commissioners for the town of Easton. 1791, ch. 10, § 3.

The corporation of the city of Baltimore empowered to regulate the assize of bread. 1796, ch. 69, § 9.

BRIBERY.

If any person shall give any bribe, present or reward, or any promise, or any security for the payment or delivery of any money, or any other thing, to obtain or procure a vote to be governor, senator, delegate to congress or assembly, member of the council or judge, or to be appointed to any of the said offices, or to any office of profit or trust now created, or hereafter to be created, in this state, the person giving and the person receiving the same, on conviction in a court of law, shall be forever disqualified to hold any office of trust or profit in this state. Const. 54.

Inspectors of tobacco accepting or receiving, directly or indirectly, any gratuity, &c. for any thing done in pursuance of this act, other than his salary, shall, on conviction, forfeit £100, and be disabled from holding the office during the continuance of this act. 1789, ch. 26, § 19.

Persons offering them any gratuity, reward or bribe, shall, on conviction, forfeit £100. *Ibid.*

Penalty on persons giving or promising any gift or reward to procure votes or ballots at elections. 1799, ch. 50, § 18.

BRICKS.

Regulations respecting the burning and dimensions of bricks in the city of Annapolis. 1791, ch. 49.

Same in Kent county. November, 1792, ch. 16.

BRIDGES.

The owners of water mills in the counties not affected by the act of 1794, ch. 52, and other acts repealing the former road laws, directed to make and maintain good and sufficient bridges on branches where public roads crossed. 1753, ch. 16, § 2, February, 1756, ch. 12, § 2, 3.

The proprietors of the Susquehanna canal obliged to erect a sufficient bridge where the said canal crosses any public road. November, 1783, ch. 23, § 9.

The supervisors of the public roads shall make, amend, and keep in good repair, all such bridges and causeways as are requisite. 1794, ch. 52, § 7.

Not to extend to framed or arched bridges above fifteen feet in length, or to cases where persons are obliged by law or contract to keep bridges in repair. *Ibid.*

BRIDGES.

Penalty on suffering the bridges to be out of repair. *Ibid.* § 9.

Penalty on any person throwing or injuring such bridges. *Ibid.* § 4.

The levy courts empowered to assess money for the repairs of any one bridge in their respective counties, not exceeding £30 in any one year. *Ibid.* ch. 53, § 4.

To assess money for erecting any one new bridge, not exceeding £100 in any one year. *Ibid.*

Directions for rebuilding or repairing bridges at a joint expense, where two or more counties are divided by water. *Ibid.* § 5, 6.

Provision made for building a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Patowmack, near Bladesburgh, and the great post road leading to George town crosses. 1789, ch. 28.

A bridge to be erected over Patowmack by a corporation, to be called "The George town Bridge Company." 1791, ch. 81.

Commissioners appointed for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek, and the money, to be levied in Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties. 1794, ch. 48.

A bridge to be erected over the Eastern Branch of Patowmack, by a corporation to be called "The Eastern Branch Bridge Company." 1795, ch. 62.

A bridge to be erected over Great Choptank river, in Caroline county, and to be kept up and repaired as other public bridges therein. 1795, ch. 80.

A bridge to be built over Dividing creek, between Somerset and Worcester counties. 1796, ch. 111.

Money directed to be levied for rebuilding the bridges over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore town, and Commissioners appointed. 1796, ch. 55, § 4, 5, 1797, ch. 120.

A company, incorporated, by the name of "The President and Directors of the Water Street Bridge Company," for building a bridge over the said falls. *Ibid.* ch. 86.

Directions to the supervisors for making and repairing bridges in Talbot county. 1797, ch. 63, § 7, 14.

A bridge to be built over the Eastern Branch, or Anacostia river, by a corporation to be called "The Anacostia Bridge Company." *Ibid.* ch. 92.

When the Chesapeake and Delaware canal crosses any public road, bridges shall be made and kept up by the company. 1799, ch. 16, § 17.

BRIDGE-TOWN.

A market established, &c. at Bridge town, in Kent county. 1797, ch. 28; 1798, ch. 36.

BRITISH MERCHANTS.

The factors or agents of British merchants, or their principals, then in the state, directed to lodge with the auditor a list of all balances due to such merchants, upon oath, unless bond with security should be given as therein after directed. 1786, ch. 49, § 2.

Such factors, &c. thereafter coming into the state, directed to lodge with the auditor a list, upon oath, of balances due to such merchants, within four months after their arrival. *Ibid.*

On neglect to deliver such lists, the debtors empowered to plead the non-compliance with this act. *Ibid.*

The courts of justice directed not to give judgment against any citizen of this state on any action brought by any of the said merchants, or their agents, unless they produced a certificate from the auditor that this act had been complied with. *Ibid.*

Every factor or agent appointed to collect debts due before the 17th of October, 1780, by citizens of this state to subjects