

POOR.

The trustees of the poor in any county, or any three of them, may bind out as apprentices any orphans or other poor children under their care in the poor-houses. 1793, ch. 45, § 5.

— The indentures to be lodged with the register of the orphans court within thirty days, to be recorded, under the penalty of £. 3 0 0, to be recovered by presentment, and applied to the use of the poor. *Ibid.*

See APPRENTICES.

An allowance for the poor to be included in the ordinary and necessary expences in each county, to be assessed by the levy courts, and collected by the persons appointed. 1794, ch. 53,

§ 1. — On neglect of the collector to pay over money received for the poor, the county courts, on motion, on behalf of the trustees, &c. may order a judgment to be entered, and an immediate execution to issue against the person or property of the collector, on the terms and in the manner therein prescribed. *Ibid.* § 3.

— Where the amount of the allowance to the poor-houses is ascertained by law, nothing in this act shall empower the levy court to increase it. *Ibid.* § 12.

Acts for the relief of the poor of Washington county. 1796, ch. 22, 1797, ch. 34.

The levy court of Somerset county empowered to raise money to be paid to the trustees of the poor for the purchase of land. 1797, ch. 18.

Salary to be paid to the overseer in Baltimore. 1799, ch. 39.

The trustees of the poor in the several counties empowered to keep any number of out-pensioners not exceeding ten, and to allow to each an annual pension not exceeding thirty dollars. *Ibid.* ch. 65.

PORTION.

If any child or descendant of an intestate shall have been advanced by such intestate, by settlement or portion, the same shall be reckoned in the surplus, and if it be equal or superior to a share, such child or descendant shall be excluded; and maintenance or education, or money given without a view to a portion or settlement in life, shall not be deemed advancement. 1798, No. 101, ch. 11, § 6.

PORT-WARDENS.

Wardens appointed for the port of Baltimore. April, 1783, ch. 24.

— A Supplement. November, 1788, ch. 20.

— The wardens enabled to collect the duty therein mentioned on all vessels arriving. 1791, ch. 60.

POSTHUMOUS CHILDREN.

Any child or children born after the death, shall have the same right of inheritance of real estate as if born before the death of the intestate. 1786, ch. 45, § 3.

Posthumous children of intestates shall take in the same manner as if they had been born before the death of the intestate, but no other posthumous relation shall be considered as entitled to distribution in his or her own right. 1798, No. 101, ch. 11, § 14.

POT AND PEARL-ASH.

Inspectors of pot and pearl-ash to be appointed in Baltimore and George-town. November, 1792, ch. 65, § 2.

The inspectors to appoint deputies. *Ibid.*

An oath directed to be taken. *Ibid.*

Manner of supplying vacancies. *Ibid.*

Penalty on such officers vending, bartering or trading, in pot or pearl-ash, during their continuance. *Ibid.*

POT AND PEARL-ASH.

Directions for inspecting and sorting pot and pearl-ash. *Ibid.* § 3.

Allowance to the inspectors. *Ibid.* § 4.

Manner of settling disputes, and having a review. *Ibid.* § 5.

Penalty on shipping or receiving pot and pearl-ash not inspected and marked, or having the marks counterfeited, or that shall have been condemned. *Ibid.* § 6.

— On persons marking any cask containing pot or pearl-ash, or altering the marks of the inspector. *Ibid.*

The inspectors empowered to enter on board and search ships suspected to have received pot or pearl-ash for exportation contrary to this act. *Ibid.* § 7.

— Penalty on resisting such inspectors. *Ibid.*

Manner of seizing and condemning pot or pearl-ash shipped, or brought to any wharf, &c. to be shipped, contrary to this act. *Ibid.* § 8.

The inspectors to provide warehouse, scales, &c. and to be paid for the storage. *Ibid.* § 9.

Manner of recovering the fines. *Ibid.* § 10.

POUNDAGE FEES.

The poundage fees to the sheriff on executions and attachments established. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 4, 5; 1790, ch. 59.

See OFFICERS FEES. SHERIFFS.

POWDER.

See GUNPOWDER.

PREACHER.

Every gift, sale or devise, to any minister or preacher as such, and every devise of goods or chattels to or for the support of any minister or preacher as such, declared void, without the leave of the legislature. Decl. 34.

No minister or preacher of any denomination shall have a seat in the general assembly or council of this state. Const. 37.

See MINISTERS.

PREFERENCE.

After judgments and decrees, all other just claims against the estate of a deceased person shall be admitted to a distribution on an equal footing, without priority or preference. 1798, No. 101, ch. 8, § 17.

PREROGATIVE.

The governor shall not, under any pretence, exercise any power or prerogative by virtue of any law, statute or custom, of England or Great-Britain. Const. 33.

PREROGATIVE-OFFICE.

Acts respecting the removal of original papers in the late prerogative-office to the several counties in this state. April, 1783, ch. 9, May, 1788, ch. 9.

PRESBYTERIANS.

An act to incorporate the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore. 1797, ch. 58.

PRESENTMENT.

Penalty on issuing criminal process without a presentment first found, or an order of the court. 1715, ch. 48, § 1, 2.

— On exhibiting any bill of indictment to a grand jury, without an order from the court or one of the justices, or unless the offender be bound over to such court, or presented by the grand jury of their own knowledge. 1722, ch. 5.

One associate justice may direct process to issue on any presentment or indictment. 1796, ch. 43, § 5.

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