

the Records of the same County cannot be kept therein with Safety; and have therefore prayed, an Act may pass, as well to enable them to build a Repository, for the safe Custody of the said Records for the present, as for the building a new Court-house :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorised and impowered to treat, contract, and agree, with any Builders, Workmen, or Undertakers, for the erecting and building of a Repository and Court-house with Brick, in Leonard Town, in the County aforesaid, upon Part of the Land there, now belonging to the County aforesaid: And the Charges and Expences of the said Buildings, not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds, to raise and levy by an equal Assessment, in Four Years, in Money, upon the taxable Inhabitants of the same County.

An ACT, to render the Navigation up Patuxent River above Queen Anne's Town, in Prince George's County, more easy and effectual.

WHEREAS, Richard Snowden, on Behalf of himself, and his other Partners, concerned in the Iron Works, on Patuxent River, hath, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That Patuxent River, from Queen Anne's Town, in Prince George's County, is lately made navigable for Boats, for above Twenty Five Miles up the said River, by the Petitioner, which will certainly prove very advantageous and convenient to every Inhabitant, and other Person, who have Occasion to convey any Tobacco or other Goods to any Part of Patuxent River, or to the Counties bordering upon the said River: And whereas, the Navigation down to Queen Anne's Town, is very practicable; yet, for want of the Banks of the said River being cleared, in some Parts thereof, as to make a Road or Passage for Horses or Men to drag the Boats up, either over the Shoals, or where the Stream is most rapid, the Return of the said Boats up, is so very difficult and tedious, that very few of the Inhabitants will be able to make Use of the Navigation of the said River, as it now is; and have therefore prayed, That they might be impowered, at their own Expence and Labour, to clear a Road or Way, about Ten Feet wide, in such and so many Places on either Side of the said River above Queen Anne's Town, as to them should seem proper:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Persons concerned in the said Iron Works, commonly called or known by the Name of, *The Patuxent Iron Work Company*, and they are hereby authorised and impowered, to make and clear, or cause to be made and cleared, such and so many Roads, Passages, Paths, or Ways, not exceeding Ten Feet wide on either or each Side or Sides, Bank or Banks, of the said Patuxent River, above Queen Anne's Town aforesaid, at their own Expence, Costs, Charges, and Trouble, as to them shall, from Time to Time, seem proper and convenient for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, for dragging or drawing