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An ACT to remove the records of the prerogative office.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it will be very convenient for the inhabitants of this state, to have the records of the prerogative office removed to some safe place in *Anne-Arundel* county, in the neighbourhood of the city of *Annapolis*, and it is apprehended by the present general assembly that the same may be done without endangering the said records,

Records of the prerogative office to be removed to the neighbourhood of Annapolis.

**II.** Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the register of wills in *Anne-Arundel* county, shall and is hereby authorized and required to remove the records of the prerogative office, now at *Upper-Marlborough*, to some safe place in *Anne-Arundel* county, in the neighbourhood of the city of *Annapolis*, and there cause the same to be kept in chests or packages, ready to be removed in case of danger, on the order of the governor and council for that purpose; and the said register shall be allowed his reasonable expences for removing said records, and hiring a room for the same; the said records not to be kept within less than nine miles of the city of *Annapolis*.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to repeal part of an act to promote the recruiting service.

Part of an act repealed.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all those parts of an act of the last general assembly, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service, which relate to the enlisting of servants and apprentices, shall be and are hereby repealed and made null and void.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS all endeavours to enhance the common price of merchandise, or the necessaries of life, and all practices for that purpose, ought to be restrained as far as possible, and the art and avarice of forestallers and engrossers in this state having been grievous and oppressive to the inhabitants thereof, therefore

Persons buying goods, &c. coming to market, &c. to be adjudged guilty of forestalling, &c.

**II.** Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person shall buy, or cause to be bought, any goods, wares or merchandise, except the articles of grain and lumber, coming to any market or fair within this state, to be sold in such market or fair, or coming to any city, town, port, harbour, haven or creek, within this state, to be sold, or shall make any bargain, contract or promise, for the having or buying of any goods, wares or merchandise, except as before excepted, on any part thereof, so coming as aforesaid, before the same shall be in the market, fair, city, town, port, harbour, haven or creek, ready there to be sold, or shall dissuade any person coming to this state, or to any market or fair therein, to abstain or forbear to bring any goods, wares or merchandise, to this state, or any part thereof, shall be adjudged