

An ACT to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS clerks of the general court have not been appointed in virtue of the resolve of the general assembly at their session in February last, and it is necessary that such clerks should be appointed before the next terms,

Judges to appoint their clerks, &amp;c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the general court, or any one of them, shall have full power and authority to meet at the city of Annapolis, and at Talbot Court-house, on such days as the said judges, or any two of them, shall determine, and appoint and qualify clerks for the said court.

Clerks to provide repositories, &amp;c.

III. And be it also enacted, That the clerks of the said court shall respectively, under the direction of the judges, provide fit and proper repositories for the records of such court, at the public expence.

An ACT for the better security of the government.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, in every free state, allegiance and protection are reciprocal, and no man is entitled to the benefit of the one, who refuses to yield the other; and as every inhabitant of this state enjoys the protection and benefit of the government and laws thereof, and it is reasonable that every person should give testimony of his attachment and fidelity to this state, and the present government thereof, as now established,

Every free male person to take the oath of fidelity, &amp;c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every free male person within this state, above eighteen years of age, unless a quaker, menonist, or dunker, shall, on or before the first day of March next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath of fidelity and support to this state, contained in the act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism; and every free male quaker, menonist, or dunker, within this state, above eighteen years of age, shall, on or before the first day of March next, solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm, in the words of the said oath, and thereto subscribe his name.

Before some magistrate;

III. And be it enacted, That the said oath and affirmation shall be taken within the time aforesaid, before some magistrate of the county or city, where the person, who takes such oath or affirmation, resides.

Who is to keep two books, &amp;c.

IV. And be it enacted, That every magistrate aforesaid, shall keep two paper books; one for all persons who shall take the oath aforesaid, and the other for all persons who shall take the affirmation aforesaid, prefixing to one of the said books the oath aforesaid, and to the other the affirmation aforesaid. And all persons required by this act to take the said oath, or affirmation, shall, after taking the same, subscribe his name