

third Tuesday of November last, shall be as good and available in law, as if the said county court had been held on the second Tuesday of December last, and as if the process and proceedings of the said court had not been discontinued.

C H A P.
VII, VIII, IX.

VII. And, Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that the house at Melvill's warehoute, at which the courts for Caroline county aforesaid have heretofore been held, is extremely unfit for that purpose, and the place itself attended with many inconveniences to the public:

VIII. Be it enacted, That the next county court for Caroline county aforesaid, after the end of this general assembly, and every county court thereafter, until the court-house and prison shall be built for the said county, according to the directions of the act of assembly in such case made and provided, shall be held at Choptank bridge, in some house to be provided by the justices of the said county court.

Future county courts to be held at Choptank bridge, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said justices, or any three of them, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree for some convenient house at Choptank bridge aforesaid, to hold the courts for the said county, and also for some convenient house or room at the same place for their books, papers and records, and also for a fit building for the custody of prisoners: and the said courts shall be held and records kept in such houses respectively, until the court-house and prison for the said county shall be built for the said county, and the charge and expence of such houses and rooms shall be defrayed by the said county, and assessed with the other county charges.

Justices to contract for a house, &c.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of Ariana Ross, executrix of doctor David Ross, deceased. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the establishment of select vestries.

WHEREAS it is thought expedient and necessary, that select vestries be chosen in every parish within this state, for the preservation of the churches and for the taking care of glebelands, and for other purposes tending to the happiness and welfare of the state:

Preamble.

II Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there be select vestries in each parish of this state, and that the several vestrymen of the several parishes within this state, that hereafter shall be chosen, be such select vestry, of which vestry the number shall always be seven, except upon death, resignation, or other discharge of any of them, according to the provision herein made for that purpose; and in such case of death or resignation, or other legal discharge from serving, the remaining part of such vestries shall, with all convenient speed, summon and appoint a general meeting of all the inhabitants of the said parish, entitled to vote for delegates of assembly, and contributing to the charges of the said parish, who shall, by majority of voices, elect and chuse

Select vestries to be chosen, &c.