

committee, or a majority of them, shall, upon the refusal of any committee-man to act as aforesaid, or should any committee-man die, or be otherwise rendered incapable to discharge the duties of this act, proceed to chuse some fit person to act in his room, who shall, previous to his acting, take the same oath as the committees aforesaid are directed to take, and also the oath prescribed by an act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and prevent the growth of torridity, which oaths any of the said committee may administer.

C H A P.
XVII, XVIII,
XIX.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the said committees, and every committee-man in each county, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to make diligent enquiry throughout their county of all breaches against this act, and shall have all the power and authority of justices of the peace, to call all persons before them against whom information shall be made on oath, or the affirmation of a quaker, menonist or dunker, as offenders against this act, and may bind them over with sufficient security, to appear at the next general or county court, as the case may require, or for default of such security may commit the offender to gaol, there to remain until delivered by due course of law; and if the committee aforesaid, or any committee-man, shall have reason to believe that any person or persons can give information of any offence being committed against this act, they shall immediately cause such person or persons to come before them, who shall be examined on oath, and if need be, shall compel such person to enter into recognizance for his, her or their appearance, to testify against such offender.

Power of the
committee.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the several committees in the respective counties be authorized and required to open subscriptions for the purpose of borrowing money on loan-office certificates for the use of the United States, specifying the names of the lenders, and the sums lent, one half of the sum subscribed to be paid into the continental loan-office in this state on or before the first day of October next, and the residue on or before the first day of January next; and the said committees are directed from time to time to send copies of the said subscription to the commissioner of the continental loan-office in this state.

Committees
to open sub-
scriptions for
borrowing
money, &c.

XXXIII. This act to continue until the end of the next session of assembly.

Continuance.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to authorize and empower Martha Roundel, of Prince-George's county, to dispose of all the real and personal estate now in her possession, by will. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. XIX.

A supplement to an act for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

W H E R E A S by an act, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned, it was among other things enacted, that every inspector, before he proceeded to act, should be duly qualified, and give

Preamble.