

C H A P. XVII, XVIII.

Auditor to  
a just ac-  
counts for  
goods, &c.

V. *Be it enacted*, That the auditor, with the approbation of the governor and council, may, and he is hereby directed, in liquidating and ascertaining in specie any account or certificate for goods or produce furnished, or taken or seized, settle and adjust the same, according to the true and real value of such articles at the time and place the same was furnished or seized, according to the common selling price of such articles at such time and place; but if the party shall think himself aggrieved by such settlement, the auditor is required to forbear certifying the said settlement, and to lay the same before the general assembly at their next session thereafter.

VI. *And*, Whereas certificates under the act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes, passed in March session seventeen hundred an seventy-eight, issued on divers days, and bearing different dates, and therefore the settlement thereof by the general rule before laid down would not do equal justice :

How claims  
on the journal  
are to be set-  
tled, &c.

VII. *Be it enacted*, That all certificates and claims under the said act shall be settled and adjusted, as if the same were granted, or due and payable, on the seventeenth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy-eight.

## C H A P. XVIII.

## An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves.

Preamble.

**W** H E R E A S it appears to this general assembly, that wolves are very numerous and mischievous in some of the counties of this state, and that they destroy great numbers of sheep :

Persons bring-  
ing wolves  
before  
a justice, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That when and as often as any credible free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace, within any of the counties of this state, the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath (or affirmation, if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) that the wolf or wolves, of which he, she, or they, produce the head or heads, were actually caught and killed within the limits of that county in which he or they pray for an allowance, and within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall, and he is hereby authorized and directed to give such person or persons a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath or affirmation taken, and therein distinguished which or how many of the heads were the heads of the old or young wolves; and every justice, who shall have any wolves head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves, of which the said head or heads was brought before him; and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed three months, that then he shall distinguish it in his certificate by the words old wolf or wolves, but if he shall believe the said wolf or wolves to be under the age of three months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words young wolf or wolves; and that every justice, before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and