

C H A P.
III, IV, V.

port and maintainance, for and during such time as he shall continue to be an object of charity.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to prevent the raising of geese and swine in Elizabeth-town in Washington county, Leonard-town in Saint Mary's county, and Charles-town in Charles county.

Persons not to
keep swine,
&c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no person or persons whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, in the said towns, shall, after the end of this present session of assembly, under any pretence whatsoever, keep or support, within the said towns, any swine or geese, belonging to themselves or any other person whatsoever, unless such swine and geese be kept within such person or persons enclosure to whom the same shall respectively belong.

Swine, &c.
may be shot,
&c.

II. And be it enacted, That in case any person or persons whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, in the said towns, shall, after the end of this present session of assembly, suffer any swine or geese, belonging to themselves, or to any other person and under their care, to go at large in the said towns, it shall and may be lawful for any person to shoot or otherwise destroy such swine or geese so found at large; and moreover, any person or persons suffering any swine or geese to go at large as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every offence the sum of twenty shillings current money.

Defendant
may plead ge-
neral issue.

III. And be it enacted, That if any person shall be sued or impleaded for shooting or otherwise destroying such swine or geese as aforesaid, the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.

C H A P. V.

An ACT allowing a longer time to compound on old certificates.

Time for
compound-
ing, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons, having surveys made before the first day of March seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, or having surveys since made by virtue of warrants granted before that time, may compound thereon on or before the first day of July next, after which day warrants may issue to affect the land not paid for before that day, to the person who shall first apply for the same. *Provided* always, That no warrant shall issue to affect any survey not compounded on within the time aforesaid limited, if the certificate has been lost or mislaid, or erroneous, or where the owner is an infant, or caveat remains in force against issuing grant, or default in payment has not been owing to the neglect of the owner, without the express licence of the chancellor. And if any owner shall neglect to compound on such certificates, he may, at any time before application for a warrant to affect such land, obtain a grant, on paying for surplus or vacant land the sum of seven shillings and six-pence per acre, or for escheat lands two thirds of the actual value, and for improvements (if any) the full worth thereof, as in other cases.

C H A P.