and each committioner shall keep one of the said copies for his own VI, VII, VIII use, and the others shall, by the said commissioners, be distributed to the affessors in their respective counties; which parcels the said printer shall endorse for the public service, and deliver to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, on or before the tenth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-three, under the penalty of twenty pounds; and the several sheriffs are hereby required to forward them in the same manner as public letters; and the printer shall deliver the residue of said copies to the clerks of the senate and house of delegates.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to confirm certain purchases of confiscated property.

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THEREAS the commissioners for the preservation of con-Preambles fiscated British property were empowered, by an act for raising recruits, passed November session seventeen hundred and eighty-one, to sell the lands lying in Talbot county, late the property of the heirs of Anthony Richardson, did also proceed to the sale of two tracts, called Richardson's Adventure and Limerick, lying in Caroline county, and doubts have arisen respecting the validity of the latter purchases,

II. Be it enamed, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sale valid, faid sale of the two tracts of land aforesaid shall be as good and valid in law, as if the commissioners aforesaid had had full power and authority to have made the same by the act aforesaid; and that the commissioners, or any one of them, have sull power and authority, and they or any one of them is hereby directed, to convey the said two tracts unto Henry Downs, his heirs and assigns for ever.

C_H A P. VIII.

An ACT for an addition to Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

THEREAS Benjamin Rogers, Charles Ridgely (son of Preamble) John), Christopher Hughes, Henry Brown, John Mercer Porter, George M'Comdless, Thomas Russell, Robert Moor, David Williamson, Charles Frederick Wiesenthall, John Wells, Jonathan Hudson, John Steret, George Prestman, John Gordon, Thomas Dorsey, John Dorsey, Samuel Chase, William Hammond, and David Rusk, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that they are feifed and possessed of part of the following tracts of land, to wit, Howard's Timber Neck, Parker's Haven, Kemp's Addition, and Gist's Inspection, which said lands and premises lay contiguous to Baltimore-town, and are well calculated for the purposes of commerce and navigation, and that it would tend greatly to the advantage of faid town, in case the said tracts of land and premises were laid out into convenient streets, lanes, and alleys, and therefore prayed a law might pass for that purpose; and it appearing to this general assembly, that to extend the limits of said town would contribute to promote the trade and commerce thereof: II. Be