

C H A P.
IX.

blished by law, it is thought reasonable, for the more effectually expediting and furtherance of justice, that the governor be invested with power to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery;

Governor may
issue commis-
sions, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor for the time being, upon application being made, shall have full power and authority to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, for the trial of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors whatever, that have arisen or may arise in any county within the state, whenever it shall appear to him that there is a necessity such commission should issue.

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

C H A P. XI.

An ACT to lay out and establish a public road leading from William Matthews's mill in Baltimore county, until it intersects the main road where the old road formerly did.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, set forth, that a public road to and from William Matthews's mill in said county, leading towards Baltimore-town, is much wanted; that the present road is nearly impassable for waggons with a reasonable load, and in the distance of little more than half a mile is one hundred and fifty-two perches longer than the old road; that the said mill has been erected at a great expence, and completely fitted for very extensive merchant country work, and that unless a passable road in the above direction is obtained, it will be rendered almost useless, the proprietor much injured in his circumstances, and the neighbourhood put to a great disadvantage; that they know of no ground from the said mill leading to Baltimore-town so proper and convenient as that whereon the road formerly went, as it is laid down in the plat annexed to the said petition, and that they wish a reasonable satisfaction may be made to those persons through whose lands the said road may pass for any damage thereby sustained; and that a law may be enacted for opening the old road, as delineated in the said plat, and establishing the same as a public road; all which facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, and that it will be of general utility to the inhabitants of Baltimore county to have the said road opened and established as a public road;

Commission-
ers appointed,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Benjamin Nicholson, Robert Lemmon, Jeremiah Johnson, and Robert Caples, Esquires, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for opening and laying out a road leading from William Matthews's mill in Baltimore county, until it intersects the main road where the old road formerly did, and that they, or any three of them, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to open and lay out the said road, agreeable to the prayer of the said recited petition, and in the manner described and delineated in the plat to the said petition annexed, and that the

said