

C H A P. V. of Kent county court within the time limited by law : And whereas the same Sarah Piner hath petitioned this general assembly to make valid the said deed, according to the true intent and meaning thereof : Therefore,

Deed confirm-
ed, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said deed, so as aforesaid executed by the said John Cannon and Anne Cannon his wife, to the said Sarah Piner, and recorded as aforesaid, be and is hereby confirmed and made valid, to all intents and purposes, in as full and ample manner as if the same had been certified by the clerk of Baltimore county to have been acknowledged before two magistrates of said county, and had been enrolled among the records of Kent county court within the time limited by law.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT respecting the marriage of Henry Dickinson, of Caroline county.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S the said Henry Dickinson and Anne his wife, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that at the last general court for the eastern shore, they were presented by the grand jury, for a marriage between them, celebrated within the degrees prohibited by an act of assembly, entitled, An act concerning marriages ; and for the reasons set forth in their said petition, and the peculiar circumstances of their case, prayed to be relieved from the disabilities, forfeitures, and consequences, declared, inflicted, and imposed, by the said act ; and this general assembly have thought proper, on consideration of all the circumstances and consequences of the said marriage to the parties thereto and their issue, and the private and public character and conduct of the said Henry Dickinson, to grant the prayer of the said petition :

Marriage va-
lid, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Henry Dickinson and Anne shall be, and they and each of them are hereby, acquitted, released, and for ever discharged, from all and every disability, forfeiture, and penalty, declared, inflicted, or imposed, by the said act, entitled, An act concerning marriages, for and in consequence of the marriage between them had and celebrated contrary to the prohibition in the said act mentioned ; and the marriage between the said Henry Dickinson and Anne shall be valid and good in law from the time of the celebration thereof, any thing in the said act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding ; and the said Henry Dickinson and Anne his wife shall be and are hereby discharged from the prosecution against them now depending for or on account of the said marriage, on payment of the costs and charges of the said prosecution.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of Washington college.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S institutions for the education of youth, under the care and patronage of the state, have ever been encouraged by the wisest nations, as the most effectual means of disseminating the principles of religious and civil liberty, private and public virtue, and those liberal arts and sciences, which are at once the greatest ornament of a free republic, and the surest basis of its stability and glory : And whereas former legislatures of this state have, at various times, had it under their serious consideration to make lasting provision for the good education