

C H A P. LXXIV.

An ACT to repeal such part of the acts of assembly therein mentioned, as authorized Thomas Contee to collect the debts of William Molleson and of William and Robert Molleson.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That so much of Part of an act repealed, &c. an act of assembly, passed at April session one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, and to apply the same, and so much of the supplement to the said act, passed at November session one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, as authorized the said Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts of the said William Molleson, and of William and Robert Molleson, shall be, after the passing this act, repealed; and provided, that the bond given by the said Thomas Contee shall be liable to be sued for any breach of the trust reposed in him by the said acts, during the continuance of the same, by the said William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, or by any creditor of them, or either of them.

C H A P. LXXV.

An ACT to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned.

WH E R E A S, by the act, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, Preamble, 1781 Nov. c. 2 it was enacted, that all the lands within this state in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, and for which located warrants had not issued or surveys been made under common warrants, and were then bonâ fide the property of any subject of this or any of the United States, and on which the money had been actually paid, should be and were thereby appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands thereto made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly should thereafter direct, and that no grant should issue on any survey made in virtue of such warrants before the order of the general assembly: And whereas divers of the citizens of this state are justly entitled to have their titles perfected in lands lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, on certificates of survey made before the passing of the said act, in virtue of warrants fairly obtained and duly executed, and the withholding their patents, is not only prejudicial to them but injurious to the state, in delaying the settlement and improvement of those lands,

II. Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at any time after the first day of July next, a grant may issue in the usual mode Grant may issue, &c. to any citizen of this or any of the United States, for any land within this state westward of Fort Cumberland, regularly surveyed, by virtue of a special or common warrant obtained between the twenty-second day of March and the sixth day of October, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-four, and for which the common consideration of one shilling sterling per acre was paid, and which certificates were, at the time of passing the said recited act, bonâ fide the property of any citizen of this or any of the United States.

III. And be it enacted, That any grant issued or to be issued for any land lying within any manor to the westward of Fort Cumberland, shall Grant issued for land on manors void,