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L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. LIX.

safety of many of the citizens of the said county, and there being no secure gaol in the said county where the said James Ranter may be confined to prevent his doing further mischief;

Justices to levy money, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Prince-George's county court shall have full power and authority, at their ensuing meeting, and annually hereafter, to assess and levy on the assessable property in their said county, a sum of money sufficient for the support, maintenance and safe custody, of the said James Ranter; and that the said justices are hereby authorized and empowered to safely keep the said James Ranter, either in the county of Prince-George's, or to send him for safe custody to any part of this state, or the United States, and that the expences which have arisen in confining the said James Ranter, and the expences which shall hereafter arise, shall be defrayed by the county of Prince-George's, in such manner as the county charge of said county is defrayed annually,

C H A P. LX.

Passed Mar. 8. An ACT to vest in James Chappalear and Thomas Lock, of Saint Mary's county, the title to a tract or parcel of land purchased by Joseph Burroughs, lying and being in Calverton manor, in Charles county. (A private act.)

C H A P. LXI.

Passed Mar. 9. An ACT to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is essentially necessary to the commerce of this state to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco,

No tobacco to be exported unless inspected, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the first day of April next, it shall not be lawful to export or carry out of this state, by water or land, any tobacco, unless in hogheads, which shall be inspected, passed, marked, stamped and branded, at some public warehouse, agreeably to the directions of this act, or of the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed June session seventeen hundred and eighty; and if any person shall export by water out of this state, any tobacco, contrary to this act, or shall lade any tobacco on board any vessel for exportation out of this state, contrary to this act, such person shall forfeit and pay one shilling current money for every pound of tobacco so exported, or shipped for exportation, and the said tobacco, so laden on board any vessel for exportation, contrary to this act, together with such vessel, and her tackle, apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any person, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the use of the person making the seizure, and the other half to the use of the state; and if any master or commander of any vessel shall receive any tobacco on board any vessel by him commanded, for exportation, contrary to this act, or shall have knowledge that any such tobacco is on board, and shall not make the same known to the naval officer, before or at the time of clearing out his vessel, he shall, on conviction thereof in the general court, or any county court, be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, and imprisoned without bail not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; and if any person shall carry any tobacco by land out of this state, contrary to this act, or shall lade or put in any waggon, cart, or other carriage, any tobacco, with intent to carry the same out of this state contrary to this act, such person shall forfeit five pounds current money for every hoghead of tobacco, (if