

C H A P. XII. fioners may, in case the distress shall appear to them excessive, order such part of the goods as they may think proper and just, to be immediately released, and may order either party to pay the costs, and the expences of the commissioners sitting, as justice may require, and may enforce a compliance with their order by process as aforesaid.

C H A P. XIII.

Passed January 20. An ACT to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Calvert county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the orphans court of Calvert county was to be held on the second Tuesday in December, and no justices attended to call and adjourn the same by reason of the inclemency of the weather, whereby all process and proceedings in said court were discontinued: For remedy whereof,

Actions, &c. revived, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That every action, process and proceeding, depending in the said court on the second Tuesday of December aforesaid, shall be and is hereby revived and continued until the second Tuesday in February next, and on the said day every action, process and proceeding, shall stand and be in the same state and condition, to all intents and purposes, as the same were in the said second Tuesday of December aforesaid; and the said orphans court, on the second Tuesday in February, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, may proceed to hear, determine or continue, each and every of the said actions, in the same manner that the said court might have legally done at the aforesaid second Tuesday of December aforesaid, any discontinuance, or want of continuance, of any of the said actions, process or proceedings, notwithstanding.

C H A P. XIV.

Passed January 20. An ACT to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government.

Preamble.

WHEREAS this general assembly are of opinion, that it is impolitic and unnecessary to continue any longer the discrimination created, and the penalties and disabilities imposed, on nonjurors by the act for the better security of the government;

Part of an act repealed.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That such part of the said act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, as disqualifies and disables nonjurors from holding offices, and voting at elections, shall be and hereby is repealed.

Proviso.

III. *Provided always, and it is hereby enacted,* That no person whatever, who hath not heretofore taken and subscribed the oaths to government, as directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of government, shall be admitted to vote at any election, until he shall take or affirm, as the case may be, and subscribe, the oath of allegiance prescribed by the fifty-fifth article of the constitution of this state, before some justice of the peace in the county where he resides, or one of the judges of the general court.

C H A P. XV.

Passed January 20. An ACT to confirm unto Abraham Reese, of Harford county, his title in a moiety of a tract of land called West's Favour. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. XVI.

Passed January 20. An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in Baltimore county gaol. (*A private act.*)