

VII. **And**, whereas in some counties the collectors may not have given bond with security, as required by the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, **Be it enacted**, That the commissioners of the tax, in the respective counties of this state, or a major part of them, be, and are hereby authorized and directed, in cases where bonds have not heretofore been given, to take bonds from the said collectors in their respective counties, in manner and form as by the said act is directed, only extending the time of collection in the condition of the said bonds to the first day of June next.

C H A P. XXI.

Commissioners to take bonds, &c.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to vest certain powers in the governor and council.

Passed January 20.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the military, and many of the civil officers of this state, hold their commissions during the will and pleasure of the governor and council, and may be suspended or removed by the governor and council on just grounds of complaint: And whereas by an act enabling the governor and council to determine the validity of elections for sheriffs, the governor and council are made judges in certain instances of the validity of said elections, but neither the constitution in the first case, nor the said act in the other case, invests the said governor and council with power to summon witnesses, and enforce their attendance, without which the subject of complaint in either case cannot be fully and properly investigated;

II. **Be it enacted**, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council, or any three or more of them, be and are hereby empowered to issue summonses on complaints aforesaid for witnesses, and to enforce the same, or to direct depositions to be taken in like manner as the general court is authorized and empowered; and in all cases of complaint, the party complained against shall have a copy of the complaint, and notice of the time when the governor and council shall inquire into and examine the same, and if the party on receiving such copy and notice will not attend, the governor and council may, in his absence, proceed to the inquiry and examination.

Governor and council may issue summonses, &c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the costs and expences on controverted elections be paid by such party as the governor and council, or any three or more of them, shall adjudge to pay on consideration of the circumstances of the case, and the costs and expences on complaints against the officers of government, shall be paid by the party complaining or complained against, or by the public, as the governor and council, or any three or more of them, shall adjudge; and the governor and council, or any three or more of them, shall have power to compel payment in the like manner as the general court are authorized and empowered.

And order costs to be paid, &c.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right of making and vending carding and spinning machines.

Passed January 20.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Robert Lemmon, of Baltimore county, by his petition to the general assembly, hath set forth, that he hath constructed two machines, the one for carding, the other for spinning cotton or wool, and prayed an exclusive right to making and vending the same: And whereas this general assembly wish to encourage useful inventions as well as promote the manufacture of cotton and wool within this state;

II. **Be it enacted**, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the exclusive right, benefit and privilege, of making, constructing and selling, within this state, the said machines for carding and spinning cotton and wool, shall be and is hereby vested in the said Robert Lemmon, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for and during the space of fourteen years from the end of this present session of assembly.

Exclusive right vested in R. Lemmon.

III. **And be it enacted**, That if any person or persons, during the said term of fourteen years as aforesaid, shall make, construct or sell, within this state, any such

Penalty on others making, &c.