

C H A P. VII. And be it enacted, That in all actions where, by the death of the plaintiff or defendant, new parties are made or to be made to such actions, the said courts respectively shall have a discretionary power to continue such actions as long as they shall think necessary for the due administration of justice, not exceeding the end of the third court after the appearance court of such new party, unless evidence, or testimony or plots be wanting, as herein before provided.

IX.  
Courts may continue actions where new parties are made, &c.

And where a witness cannot be procured, &c. VIII. And be it enacted, That in any case where the attendance of a witness residing within this state to a material fact cannot be procured, the said courts respectively may continue such cause as long as they may think proper, if the adverse party will not admit the facts, or consent to the taking the deposition of such witness on interrogatories before some justice of the peace where such witness resides.

But not on a special verdict, &c. IX. And be it enacted, That on a special verdict, or case stated, the said courts respectively shall not continue any cause on a *curia advisare vult* longer than to the end of the third court after verdict taken, or case stated.

Continuance. X. This act to continue and to be in force for seven years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

## C H A P. X.

Passed December 16.

An ACT authorizing the appointment of trustees to sell and convey a tract of land called Hall's Lot, lying and being in Charles county, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the humble petition of James, Edward, and Joseph Milburn Semmes, that their father, Thomas Semmes, purchased of a certain Joseph Semmes, about sixteen years past, a valuable tract of land, for which he passed his bond for eight hundred pounds sterling, on which bond there yet remains due the sum of three hundred pounds sterling: And whereas the said petition further represents, that the said Thomas Semmes has been for many months disordered in his senses, and now is almost totally deprived of his reason; and it appearing reasonable to pass a law to vest powers in trustees to sell and convey a tract of land, the property of the said Thomas Semmes, called Hall's Lot, containing about one hundred and thirty acres, for the purpose of taking up the said bond;

Justice to appoint three persons, &c. II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the presiding justice of Charles county court be and he is hereby authorized to appoint three persons for the purpose of selling and conveying the said tract of land called Hall's Lot.

Who are empowered to sell, &c. III. And be it enacted, That the trustees so appointed, or any two of them, are hereby empowered, after giving six weeks notice thereof in the Maryland Gazette, to expose to sale to the highest bidder, on the premises, the said tract of land called Hall's Lot, and to apply the money arising from the sale to the discharge of the balance due on the said bond.

And their conveyance shall be good, &c. IV. And be it enacted, That the conveyance made by the said trustees, or any two of them, to the purchaser or purchasers of the said tract of land, shall be good and effectual in law.

## C H A P. XI.

Passed December 16.

An ACT for the relief of the poor of Kent county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a number of the inhabitants of Kent county, by their humble petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that they are heavily burthened with taxes for supporting the poor in said county, whose numbers annually increase, and notwithstanding the large sums granted to that use, they are not comfortably supported under the present regulations; therefore,