

C H A P. XXXI.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the county courts to impose an assessment to defray their county charges.

Passed December 17.

**W**HEREAS by the said act it is directed, that the person or persons appointed to collect the public assessment in their county shall collect the rate to be assessed by the justices of the same county to defray the county charges: And whereas it may so happen, that in some years no person or persons may be appointed to collect the aforesaid public assessment, and the power of the justices in such case is questioned under the same act to appoint a collector of such rate to defray the county charges aforesaid:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if no appointment shall be made of a collector or collectors in any year of the public assessment, within three weeks after the laying of the county rate, the justices of the county courts respectively, shall and they are hereby authorized to appoint the sheriff, or some other fit and proper person of their county, to collect the rate aforesaid to defray the said county charges, who is hereby directed to collect the same under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every refusal or neglect, and shall be entitled to receive for the same a compensation of six *per centum* on the said collection in lieu of the four *per cent.* by the aforesaid act directed.

If no appointment shall be made, justices may appoint, &c.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT for the further relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county.

Passed December 17.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a patent shall be issued by the register of the land-office to Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, for a tract of land called Prather's Defeat, according to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, any thing contained in an act of assembly of the same session, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Patent shall issue, &c.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT to repeal the act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants.

Passed December 17.

**W**HEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants, and also one other act, entitled, An act to procure a permanent fund for the debt due from this state to Messieurs Vanstaphorst, were made and passed under an opinion that the state was indebted to Messieurs Vanstaphorst for loan negotiated by them with Matthew Ridley, agent for this state, and that the several proposals to them respecting the said loan were made under that impression; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the contract made by Mr. Ridley, agent for this state, with the Messieurs Vanstaphorst, for the delivery of tobacco at the price and at the places within this state as stipulated, has no connexion with, or relation to, the loan; that the said Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst neither made the said loan, or were in any manner answerable for the payment of principal or interest thereof; and that the proposal made to the Messieurs Vanstaphorst by Mr. Forrest was very liberal, and their demands for damages are most extravagant, and the principles, which they will not relinquish, for ascertaining their damages, are by no means proper or admissible:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants, be and is hereby repealed.

An act repealed.

III. And