LAWS of MARYLAND.

1788.

CHAP. fuffices to grant relief, &c.

II. Be it enaded, by the General Affembly of Maryland, That any three of the justices of Baltimore county aforetaid be and they are hereby required and directed, upon the petition of the faid James Hawkins, to grant unto him the like relief as by the laws of this state is provided and enacted for infolvent debtors who are confined for debts not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling.

And proceed conformably to a former હાંસ, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices aforesaid, or any two of them, upon fuch petition being made to them, and without any further notice, by the faid James Hawkins, for his discharge aforesaid, shall thereupon proceed in all things conformable to the purport, true intent and meaning, of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling, excepting as to the notice, and that his discharge be equally valid and effectual, and the proceedings of the faid justices equally good and binding, to all intents and purposes whatloever.

> VII. C H A P.

Passed December 22. A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of disabled and maimed officers, foldiers, marines and seamen.

Preamble.

THEREAS considerable inconvenience has attended the payment of money due the invalid and maimed soldiers and marines of this state, entitled to half pay under the act of October session, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight;

Justices may draw quarterly, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the orphans court are hereby authorised and empowered to draw quarterly on the collectors of the public taxes in their several counties for such pay or allowance as men of the above description are entitled to, and that said collectors pay such orders agreeably, for which they shall have due credit given them by the treasurers of the western and eastern shores, as the case may be; and in case the said collectors on whom the draught may be made, shall not, at the time of said draughts, have in their hands or possession a sufficient sum of money to discharge the same, that in such case the justices of the orphans courts, in such counties where such sums shall not be paid, may draw on the treasury of their respective shores for faid allowance, which shall be paid as in the manner directed in the law passed for that purpoie.

> C H A P. VIII.

An ACT for the benefit of Jehu Bowen, a late officer in the con-Paffed December 22. tinental army.

Preamble.

THEREAS it appears to this general assembly, by the petition of Jehu Bowen, late lieutenant in the Maryland line of the continental army, that he did, in the service of his country, when he bore the commission of ensign, receive a wound, which has rendered him incapable, in a great degree, from being able to gain a livelihood: And whereas this general affembly are sensible of his service, and willing to contribute to his suture ease and happinels;

J. Bowen en-

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Jehu titled to pay, Bowen be and is hereby entitled to the same pay and provision, as ensign, as other officers are entitled to in virtue of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of certain maimed and disabled officers, made and passed at November sefsion, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and that the said Jehu Bowen be hereafter entitled to the same provision, as ensign, as if he had been specially named therein.

III. And be it enacted, That every sum of money paid to the said Jehu To be charg-Bowen in virtue of this act, be charged by the treasurer of the western shore to ed to the U. Btates. the United States.