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C H A P. XXIX.

Place to be fixed, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That at the first election to be held in the said county for a sheriff, the voters of said county shall and may, by a majority of votes, determine the place at which the courts of the said county shall be held after the said election.

C H A P. XXX.

Passed December 25.

An ACT to carry into execution a resolve of the congress of the United States respecting the safe-keeping of persons committed under the authority of the United States to gaols of this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it was, on the twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, by a resolve of the congress of the United States, recommended to the legislatures of the several states to pass laws providing for the safe-keeping of all such persons as might be committed to the gaols of the several states, under the authority of the United States;

Sheriffs to receive prisoners, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the several sheriffs in this state, to receive and safe-keep in their respective gaols all such prisoners as may be committed under the authority of the United States, until they shall be discharged by the due course of the laws thereof, under the like penalties as in the case of prisoners committed under the authority of this state; provided nevertheless, that the United States are to pay for the use and keeping of such of the gaols of this state at the rate of fifty cents per month for each prisoner that shall, under their authority, be committed thereto, during the time such prisoners shall be therein confined, which sum shall be paid to the sheriff for the use of the county at the time of the discharge of any such prisoner; and provided also, that they are to support such of said prisoners as shall be committed under their authority to any of the gaols of this state for offences against the constitution, or the laws of the United States.

C H A P. XXXI.

Passed December 25.

An ACT for the benefit of Saint Mary Anne's parish, in Cæcil county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said parish, under the late proprietary government, had erected a church on four acres of land, part of the reserve in North-east manor, and the said land had been appropriated to the use of the said church, but the legal title therein never hath been completed, and cannot be completed without the aid of the legislature;

Chancellor to order a patent, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor be empowered to order a patent to the vestry of the said Saint Mary Anne's parish, for the said four acres of land, in the same manner as if the said land had been purchased of the intendant under the laws for selling confiscated property, and a certificate of such purchase had been lodged in the land-office; and on such patent the vestry for the time being of Saint Mary Anne's parish shall hold the said four acres of land to the use of the said parish, in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes, as if the legal title had been vested in the said parish under the said proprietary government, and secured by the thirty-third clause of the declaration of rights.

C H A P. XXXII.

Passed December 25.

An ACT to revive and aid certain proceedings in Queen-Anne's county court.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the justices of Queen-Anne's county court, on the thirtieth day of October last, were prevented by badness of weather from meeting and holding their court agreeable to their adjournment of the preceding day, and divers actions, suits and proceedings, civil and criminal, were discontinued; for aiding therefore the said actions, suits and proceedings, and