

ner as is herein before directed for the collection of assessments on the property of the inhabitants of the said town; and the said commissioners shall have power to make such regulation, from time to time, respecting the keeping of dogs and bitches in the said town, as shall be effectual for discovering the owners thereof, and for the collection of the said tax, and may authorise and direct the killing of any dog or bitch whose owner cannot be ascertained.

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C H A P. XXIV.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the draining of a marsh and branch known by the name of the Long Marsh, lying in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties.

Passed December 21.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that although considerable advantage has been derived from the original act to which this is a supplement, yet, in some instances, it is defective,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the place of meeting of the proprietors and directors of the Long Marsh, for the purposes mentioned in the said original act, shall be changed from the Nine Bridges, in Caroline, to the Beaver Dam Causeway, in Queen-Anne's county.

Place of meeting changed.

III. And be it enacted, That if, in any case, it shall be necessary for the directors to collect the proportion of money due from any delinquent proprietor by virtue of the powers vested in them by the sixth section of the said original act, it shall be lawful for the said directors to lease or dispose of any upland, either clear or in wood, belonging to such proprietor, and adjoining to the marsh, for the same term, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions, as are provided in the said original act with respect to the marsh; and in case the marsh land, or adjoining upland, of any delinquent proprietor, shall be under lease for one or more years from the said proprietor to any tenant, it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, or any one of them, to raise the proportion of money due from such proprietor, together with the legal costs of distress and sale, by distress and public sale of any goods and chattels of the said tenant which shall be found on the leased premises, of which sale five days notice, excluding the days of notice and of sale, shall be given to the said tenant, and the said sale shall be for current money: Provided always, that the upland, so to be leased or sold, shall not exceed one third part of the upland belonging to any one proprietor, nor shall the same be so laid off as to include the dwelling-houses on any of the said lands; and provided also, that no distress shall be made on any tenant for a greater sum than shall be due from him to his landlord for rent at the time of the distress, and that the said tenant shall be allowed to discount the same against his landlord.

In case of collection, directors may lease, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That each of the directors appointed by virtue of the said original act, shall be allowed for his services at the rate of thirty dollars a year, to be paid by the proprietors of the said marsh, in proportion to the quantity of improved and ditched marsh land held by each of them respectively, and to be collected in the same manner as is directed in case of non-payment of the sum apportioned by the directors for the purpose of opening, cutting, cleansing or repairing, the ditch.

Directors allowance, &c.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT for annulling the marriage of John Sewell, of Talbot county, and Eve his wife.

Passed December 21.

WHEREAS John Sewell, of Talbot county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that his wife Eve hath been convicted of adultery and of bearing a mulatto child; and that in consequence of the said conviction, his said wife and her child were condemned to servitude, and sold, agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided; and prayed that an act might pass annulling his marriage with his said wife; and the facts alleged in the said petition have been proved by certified copies from the records of Talbot county court.

Preamble.