

JOHN EAGER HOWARD, Esquire, Governor.

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shall be permitted to have and possess the quiet enjoyment of the said land, until the last day of the ensuing December, and shall account with the said Indians for the rent due, in the same manner as if this act not been passed.

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An ACT to condemn land, if necessary, for the public buildings of the United States.

Passed December 22.

WHEREAS it may happen, that within the district defined, limited and located, between the mouth of the Eastern Branch and Conococheague, for the permanent seat of the government of the United States, part of the land in the said district proper and necessary to be laid out for the erection of the public buildings, may be owned by persons who may refuse to accept a reasonable price therefor, or by married women, or by persons under age or nonresidents of this state,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in case the proprietors of any land, within the district aforesaid, which may be necessary for the erection of public buildings, and for other public purposes, shall refuse to sell to, or accept a reasonable compensation for the same from, the commissioners appointed or to be appointed by the president of the United States, or shall be married women, or under age, or nonresidents, or persons unknown or not to be found, that the commissioners aforesaid, or any two of them, be and hereby are authorized to order the sheriff of the county in which such land shall lie, to summon not less than twelve, nor more than twenty-three, inhabitants of his county, not interested or related to persons interested, qualified by law to be grand jurors of the general court, to appear on the land; and the said sheriff shall impanel and swear as many of the said jurors as shall appear, not less than twelve, to inquire of the owners of the said land, and the value of the said land, and the said sheriff shall return the said inquest to the clerk of his county, to be recorded; and thereupon the owners of the said land shall be entitled to receive such valuation; and after such inquest, the said land shall for ever belong to the United States: Provided, that not above the quantity of one hundred and thirty acres, shall be liable to be condemned in virtue of this act.

On proprietors refusing to sell, a jury to be summoned, &c.

C H A P. XLV.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state.

Passed December 21.

WHEREAS William Gillis, of Somerset county, John Taylor, of Harford county, and Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, insolvent debtors, by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged from further confinement, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitions being found reasonable; therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said William Gillis, John Taylor and Dennis Griffith, shall have the same benefit of the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed this session, as the persons therein named, upon the same conditions, and under the same restrictions, and subject to the same penalties and forfeitures for any breach thereof, or matter therein contained, in the same manner as if their names had been inserted therein.

Debtors to be relieved, &c.

III. *But,* whereas it is alleged, on the part of some of the creditors of the said Dennis Griffith, that it is suspected he hath been guilty of some fraud and embezzlement in the disposition of his estate to some pretended trustee for the use of his creditors; *Be it enacted,* That the chancellor, on the application of the said creditors, or some of them, shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint three judicious and discreet persons of Anne-Arundel county, conversant in accounts, as commissioners to inquire into the truth of every such allegation,

Chancellor to appoint commissioners, &c.