

CHAP. VII.

other diseases, is rendered unable to provide any support, either by labour or otherwise, therefore prays some provision may be made for his support and maintenance; and the facts appearing to this general assembly to be true,

Justices to assess money, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Saint-Mary's county shall have full power and authority annually to assess on the assessable property in the said county, such sum of money as they may deem sufficient for the support and maintenance of the said James Mills, son of John, provided the sum to be allowed shall not exceed twenty pounds current money for any year that such allowance may be thought necessary by the said justices.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed December 27.

An ACT for erecting a village at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Hughlett, Charles Emory, Edward White, junior, David Whiting and William Hughlett, or any three or more of them; be and are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, on or before the first day of March next, any quantity of land, not exceeding one hundred acres, contiguous to Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and the same, when surveyed, to be erected into a village, and to be called and known by the name of Greensborough, and a correct and accurate certificate and plot thereof returned to the clerk of Caroline county court, who is hereby required to record the same among the land records of the said county, and to keep the original plot in his said office, and a certified copy from the original, or the record thereof, shall be conclusive evidence as to the bounds and lines of said village.

Who shall levy money, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall have full power to levy, assess and take, by way of distress (if needful,) from the inhabitants of said village, by even and equal portions, (agreeable to their property held in said village, and assessed by the county assessor,) a sum not exceeding five pounds current money, to defray the expence of surveying the said village, and for recording the certificate.

Swine, &c. may be secured, &c.

III. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons residing within the limits of the said village, after the first day of March next, to seize and secure any swine or geese that be found at large within the limits of the village aforesaid, belonging to any person residing therein, and the same retain in his, her, or their possession, till the owner or owners thereof shall pay the sum of five shillings for every hog or half dozen of geese, and a proportionable sum for every goose, so taken up, one half for the use of the person or persons taking up and securing the same, and the other half for the use of the poor in said county; and, in case the owner or owners of swine and geese seized and secured as aforesaid, shall not, within three days after notice of such seizure, pay the aforesaid sum of five shillings for every hog or half dozen geese, and in proportion for every goose, seized as aforesaid, to the person or persons seizing the same, in such case the whole of such seizure shall be absolutely forfeited for the uses aforesaid, and it shall be lawful for the person or persons seizing to sell the same, by public vendue, in the said village, within five days, between nine and ten o'clock in the forenoon of the said day, and to apply the monies arising from such sale to the uses aforesaid.

Fines to be paid over, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons receiving fines or forfeitures under this act, shall not, within ten days after the receipt thereof, pay over to the trustees of the poor of Caroline county one half of the money so received, such person or persons shall forfeit the whole of the money so received, for the use of the poor of said county; which money, so forfeited, may be recovered by the trustees aforesaid in the same manner as other debts due the trustees may be recovered.

V. And