

Passed December 22.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county stood adjourned to the second Tuesday in June, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, and that no one of the justices of the said court, from the inclemency of the weather, attended to call the said court according to adjournment as aforesaid,

Rules, &c. made valid, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the rules, judgments, entries, acts, process and proceedings, made and rendered by the justices of said court since the said second Tuesday of June aforesaid, shall be and are hereby made as valid and effectual, according to the true intent and purpose of the same, as if the said court had met at the time to which the said court stood adjourned.

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An ACT for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

Real and personal property to be valued, &c.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all real and personal property in this state, (except property belonging to this state or the United States, houses for public worship, burying-grounds, or property belonging to any county, or to any college, or to any county school, and except also the crop and produce of the land in the hands of the person whose land produced the same, and provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong, and his family, for the year, and plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers, actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations, wearing apparel, goods, wares and merchandise, imported, and all home made manufactures in the hands of the manufacturers, all stills and ready money,) shall be valued agreeably to the directions of this act, and shall be chargeable, according to such valuation, with the public assessment.

Commissioners to be appointed, &c.

II. *And be it enacted,* That five sensible, discreet, and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called Commissioners of the Tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for the county for which they shall severally be appointed; and five persons as aforesaid shall be appointed, and called Commissioners of the Tax for Baltimore-town, for the same time; provided, that no member of the general assembly, or the council, clergyman, practising attorney or physician, sheriff, clerk of the general or any county court, ordinary-keeper, mariner or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner or assessor.

Their names.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, and for Baltimore-town, to wit: For Saint-Mary's county, Messieurs William Kilgour, Zachariah Forrest, Richard Bond, Charles Lewellin and John Armstrong; for Kent county, Messieurs Robert Buchanan, Richard Tilghman, 4th, Benjamin Terry, John Rowles and Vincent Hatcheson; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs William Hall, 3d, John Brice, Richard Cromwell, Thomas Worthington, of Nicholas, and James Disney; for Charles county, Messieurs Thomas Harris, Alexander M'Pherson, Henry Barnes, Thomas Andrew Dyson and Richard Bennett Mitchell; for Calvert county, Messieurs Joseph Blake, Joseph Wilkinon, Thomas Mackall, Frederick Skinner and Thomas Gray; for Baltimore county, Messieurs Samuel Owings, Charles Carnan, Zachariah M'Cubbin, William M'Kubin and William Gwinn; for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Samuel Chamberlaine, Henry Banning, Howes Goldsborough and Samuel Dickinson; for Somerset county, Messieurs John Williams, Ezekiel Gillis, John Lethrbury, Francis Hutchings Waters and William Cottman, of Wiccomico creek; for Dorchester county, Messieurs Joseph Ennalls, Henry Hooper,