

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to authorise and empower the associate justices of Caroline county court to call a court before the time to which the same stands adjourned.

Passed December 26.

WHEREAS the sheriff of Caroline county lately elected, commissioned and qualified, is dead, and the person second upon the return to the governor and council has refused to act, and the governor, with the consent and advice of the council, hath appointed and commissioned Dekar Thompson sheriff of the said county, to act for the remaining part of the three years for which the aforesaid sheriffs elect were to have acted; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the associate justices of Caroline county court be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to call a court before the day to which the same stands adjourned, and when so called, to proceed to qualify the said Dekar Thompson as sheriff of Caroline county aforesaid, by administering to him the several oaths, and taking his bond with security, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state, and the proceedings of the said justices shall be valid to all intents and purposes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices to call a court, &c.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the establishment of a market for the sale of live stock at Westminster-town, in Frederick county.

Passed December 26.

WHEREAS great convenience and advantage would arise to the citizens of this state if a public market was established, under proper regulations, in or near to Westminster-town, for vending live stock of different kinds; and this general assembly being desirous of promoting such an establishment,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joshua Gift, Stephen Winchester, David Shriver, senior, David Fisher, Jacob Sherman, John Yingling, Ludwick Wampler and David Shriver, junior, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority in them vested to purchase, in fee-simple or for a term of years, a quantity of land, not exceeding three acres, in or near to Westminster-town, and the same land to lay out into small and convenient lots, with proper enclosures and stalls for the reception of cattle, and to hold a market thereon as hereafter provided, which said land, when obtained, shall be held by the commissioners aforesaid, and their successors, in trust, for the purposes in this act contained.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after the first day of March next, one day in every week, to wit, Thursday, shall be held as a market-day at the said market-space, and the commissioners aforesaid may moreover establish as market-days two or more days in each year, for holding a general market in the said market-space, and all horses, sheep, hogs, and live cattle of every kind, that may be brought to the said town, and that may be for sale, on any of the said market-days, shall be carried to the said market-space to be sold.

Market-day established.

IV. And be it enacted, That no person shall buy or sell, or cause to be bought or sold, from or to any person or persons within three miles of the said town of Westminster, any horse, live cattle of any kind, sheep or hogs, driving to market upon market-days, at any place whatsoever but at or in the said market-space, under the penalty of three dollars for every such offence, to be recovered from such purchaser or seller, severally, for the use and in the name of the informer, before a single magistrate, as small debts are by law directed to be recovered.

No person to buy out of market.

V. And be it enacted, That on the death, removal from Frederick county, or resignation, of any of the said commissioners, the major part of the remaining commissioners shall appoint another to serve in the stead of such commissioner so dying, removing or resigning.

How vacancies are to be filled.