

C H A P. VI. pay on the same; And whereas the state cannot be injured by extending the time for compounding on such certificates; therefore,

Surveys may be compounded on, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all persons having surveys made on the eastern shore before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, or having surveys since made by virtue of warrants granted before that time, and which by law were returnable to the land-office for the western shore, may compound thereon on or before the first day of July next; and that no certificate of survey or resurvey made on the eastern shore on warrants granted and returnable as aforesaid, shall be liable to be affected by any proclamation, or other warrant, before the first day of July next; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be taken or deemed to affect the right of any person already acquired by any proclamation or special warrant of resurvey, or by any common warrant already located, to lands included within any such certificates of survey or resurvey.

Certificates to be received, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That all certificates of survey or resurvey made on the eastern shore, under warrant granted as aforesaid, and which were by law returnable to the land-office of the western shore, shall be received into the land-office for the western shore at any time on or before the said first day of July next, and shall be therein recorded, and which shall be as good and effectual to all purposes, as if such certificates had been returned and compounded on agreeable to the acts of assembly heretofore made and provided.

C H A P. VII.

Passed December 30.

An ACT making valid the title of Matthew Ryan to several lots or parcels of land therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Richard Jennings, late of Frederick county, deceased, and others, did convey to Matthew Ryan several lots or parcels of land lying in Frederick county: And whereas doubts have arisen whether the said Richard Jennings ever became naturalized, and competent in point of law to hold and enjoy real estate, or convey the same, within this state; and it appearing to this general assembly that the said Richard Jennings served and acted as a citizen in various capacities, and held a commission of lieutenant in the militia of this state, and it is reasonable and just that his contracts and engagements should take effect: And whereas it appears that Matthew Ryan, at the time of the execution of the said conveyances, was not naturalized, but hath since become a citizen of this state, by taking the oath required by law;

Conveyance to have operation, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the conveyance made and executed by Richard Jennings, on the twenty-third day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, as well as all other conveyances to him, the said Matthew Ryan, have, to every intent and purpose, the same operation and effect, as to the conveying of the lands therein mentioned, as if the grantors had been respectively naturalized, and had become citizens of this state antecedent to the sale and conveyance of any of the said lands, and as if the said Matthew Ryan had himself been naturalized at and before the time such conveyances were respectively executed, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall affect or defeat the right or claim of any citizen of this state to any of the said lands, or any part thereof, acquired before the passage of this act.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed December 30.

An ACT for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS experience has discovered that the laws heretofore passed for the collection of the county charges of Allegany are totally inadequate for that purpose; therefore,