

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the sixth of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and ended the twenty-first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, the following LAWS were enacted :

JOHN HENRY, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year.

Passed January 20.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary.

Salary ascertained.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to alter and change the name of Samuel Berry Atchison, of Charles county.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS Samuel Berry Atchison, of Charles county, has petitioned to this general assembly, that an act may pass to change his name to Samuel Atchison Berry; and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Samuel Berry Atchison to take upon himself the name and surname of Samuel Atchison Berry, instead of his present name and surname, and also for the descendants of the said Samuel Berry Atchison to take upon themselves the surname of Berry; and the name of the said Samuel Berry Atchison shall be and is hereby changed and altered into the name of Samuel Atchison Berry; and the said Samuel Berry Atchison, and the heirs of his body, shall at all times hereafter be called by, and hold and use, the surname of Berry only.

S. B. Atchison to take the name of Berry, &c.

And be it enacted, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts whatsoever, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, by or to the said Samuel Berry Atchison, by the name and surname of Samuel Atchison Berry, shall be of the same force and effect, and equally avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name and surname of Samuel Atchison Berry had been the true and proper name and surname of the said Samuel Berry Atchison from his birth, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Securities, &c. to be of effect, &c.

C H A P. III.

An ACT relating to the militia of Allegany county.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the citizens of Allegany county are subjected to great inconveniencies in being obliged to attend meetings in regiment, owing to local circumstances that peculiarly attach themselves to said county; and it appearing just and reasonable that the legislature should afford relief, therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the field officers having, or that may hereafter have, the command of the militia of said county, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint some day or days, not exceeding four days in each year, for the persons composing, or who may

Officers to appoint days, &c.