

C H A P. XIII. rick, or such other person as the said justices shall appoint, for the use, support and maintenance, of the said Elizabeth Goodrick.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to authorise a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that an improvement of the post-road from Sideling-hill creek, and leading from thence through Allegany county to the Virginia line, would greatly promote the interest of said county, as well as the general interest of the state; therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for John Simpkins, John Crompton, junior, Evan Gwynn, William M'Mahon, John C. Beatty, James Cryfop, of Michael, John Mitchell, David Lynn and Samuel B. Beall, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof, provided the said John Simpkins, John Crompton, junior, Evan Gwynn, William M'Mahon, John C. Beatty, James Cryfop, of Michael, John Mitchell, David Lynn and Samuel B. Beall, or a majority of them, do, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned, that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within two months after the drawing thereof, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn in said lottery, and the necessary expences incurred in the management thereof, and within one year after the drawing aforesaid, apply the residue of such money to the opening, widening, streightening and improving, the post-road from Sideling-hill creek at the lower end of said county, and leading from thence through said county until it intersects the Virginia line.

III. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said commissioners to lodge the said bond in the clerk's office of Allegany county, there to be recorded, and upon such bonds, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

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A Supplementary act to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

WHEREAS by an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, it is provided, that any citizen or citizens of the United States, who shall come into this state with a *bonâ fide* intention of settling therein, may import or bring into this state at the time of his or her removal, or within one year thereafter, any slave or slaves the property of such citizen or citizens at the time of his or her removal, which slave or slaves, or the mother or mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the United States three whole years next preceding such removal, but doubts being entertained whether the privilege of importing or bringing into this state within the year extends to the legal representatives of such citizen or citizens, so removing with a *bonâ fide* intention of settling therein, in case of the death of any such citizen; for remedy whereof,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for any executor or administrator of any citizen of the United States, who shall have removed, or may hereafter remove, into this state with a *bonâ fide* intention of settling therein, and who shall have died, or may hereafter die, within one year from the time of such removal, to import or bring into this state, at any time within one year from the death of his or her testator or intel-

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Preamble

J. Simpkins, &c. may propose a scheme, &c.

Bond to be lodged in the clerk's office, &c.

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Executor, &c. may import slaves, &c.