

JOHN HENRY, Esquire, Governor.

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V. And be it enacted, That one moiety of the forfeitures accruing and becoming due for any offence under this act shall be applied to the use of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and the other moiety to the person or persons who shall prosecute and sue for the same, and the inhabitants of said county shall notwithstanding be admitted witnesses to testify against any person who shall be prosecuted for an offence by virtue of this act.

C H A P. CX. How forfeitures are to be applied, &c.

VI. Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this act shall, in any manner, affect any of the chartered rights or privileges of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, or of George-town.

Proviso.

C H A P. CXI.

An ACT for the relief of Mary Sweeny and William King, of Prince-George's county.

Passed January 21.

WHEREAS the names of Mary Sweeny and William King were omitted to be inserted in the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at the present session of assembly,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the benefits resulting from the said act shall be and are hereby extended to the said Mary Sweeny and William, in as full and ample manner as if the said Mary Sweeny and William King had been severally mentioned in the said act; provided that the said Mary Sweeny and William King severally comply with the provisions of the same.

Benefits extended.

C H A P. CXII.

A Further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Passed January 21.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel court, or any five of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to allow to each supervisor of the public roads in the said county any sum not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents for each day they may be employed as such, agreeably to the directions of the original act to which this act is a further additional supplement.

Justices to allow supervisors, &c.

C H A P. CXIII.

An ACT relative to lands devised where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens.

Passed January 21.

WHEREAS by the British statute, entitled, An act for the relief of creditors against fraudulent devices, which hath been extended to and practised under in this state, it is provided, that in all actions brought by certain creditors for the recovery of debts due by persons dying seized of lands and tenements, and devising the same by their wills and testaments, the devisees and heirs at law shall be joined by virtue of the said statute; and there being no provision therein for cases where there are no heirs, or where the heirs at law, or any of them, are aliens, or unknown, or nonresidents of this state, doubts are entertained whether in such cases creditors can have remedy at law;

Preamble.

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all and every case where any person hath died, or shall die, seized of lands, tenements and hereditaments, and shall have devised, or shall devise the same in any lawful manner whatsoever, not leaving any heir or heirs, or leaving any heir or heirs at law not being citizens or residents of this state, in all and every such case it shall be lawful for any creditor or creditors of every such deviser to have and maintain his, her or their action and actions against the devisee or devisees to whom such lands, tenements or hereditaments, may be devised, without joining the heir or heirs at law in any such action or actions; and such creditor or creditors

In certain cases actions may be maintained, &c.