

1797.

L A W S of M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. CXIV.

Or remain in force, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That no caveat hereafter entered in either of the land-offices of this state shall remain in force and operation longer than twelve months from the entering thereof, unless under the special circumstances the chancellor, or judge of the land-office on the eastern shore, as the case may be, shall so order and direct.

To be brought to issue, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That all caveats already entered in either of the said offices shall be brought to issue by *subpoena*, or order of the chancellor, or judge of the land-office, on the application of the party, or by submission, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred, unless under the special circumstances the said chancellor, or judge of the land-office, shall order a continuance; and after the expiration of the time limited and expressed in this act, or by the order of the chancellor, or judge of the land-office, the said caveats, in either case before mentioned, shall be wholly discontinued, and the ordinary proceedings had as if no such caveat existed.

C H A P. CXV.

Passed January 21.

An ACT to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to lay a tax on property within the said city, and the precincts thereof.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the annual ordinary expences of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, for the support of the mayor's court and its proper officers, and the necessary charge of repairing the streets, require considerable sums of money, and the funds belonging to the said city are very trivial, and greatly inadequate to the annual expences thereof;

Corporation to lay a tax, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the corporation of the said city of Annapolis, and their successors, be and they are hereby authorized to lay a tax, not exceeding two shillings and six-pence in any one year for every hundred pounds of property within the said city, and the precincts thereof, as the said corporation may think proper.

Duration.

III. This act to continue and be in force till the first day of November, in the year eighteen hundred, and till the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. CXVI.

Passed January 21.

An ACT to continue the several acts of assembly therein referred to.

Several acts continued.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all and every the acts of assembly of this state, which would cease and expire with this session, be and the same are hereby continued until the first day of November next, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, except such laws, or parts of laws, as are repealed by any act or acts passed during this session of assembly.

C H A P. CXVII.

Passed January 21.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed at March session, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four. *ch. 20. **

Preamble.

WHEREAS the sheriff for the time being, on the releasement of any insolvent debtor under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, is made the trustee for the benefit of the creditors of such insolvent debtor, and all the real and personal property, and all causes of action, of such debtor, at the time of his or her releasement, are vested by the said act in such sheriff, and no provision is made for the completion of the trust in case it shall not have been fully executed by such sheriff during his continuance in office,

** Cont. together with the former act (1774, ch. 20) to the 20th of Feb. 1805, and the end of the next session.*

II. Be