

C H A P. XCIV.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries. Passed Jan. 18.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the general court, and every county court, shall at all times have power to direct talismen to be summoned to serve on juries, where, without such talismen, there would not be twenty of the original panel, exclusive of the jury charged, from whom a jury can be formed, and if the parties, or their counsel, agree, the drawing of a panel of twenty jurors in any cause may be dispensed with. Courts to have power, &c.

C H A P. XCV.

An ACT to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. Passed Jan. 18.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Anne Walker, of Saint-Mary's county, that she is entirely destitute of any means of support, from extreme poverty and the infirmities of old age, except from the charity of her neighbours, and praying that a law may pass authorising the justices of the levy court to levy annually a sum of money for her support out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Saint-Mary's county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually the sum of thirty dollars on said county for the support and maintenance of Anne Walker, and that the same be collected and paid to the said Anne Walker by the collector or collectors of Saint-Mary's county agreeably to the order of the levy court aforesaid. Justices to levy money.

C H A P. XCVI.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven. Passed Jan. 18.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that part of the forty-first section of the law passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, relative to the valuation of real and personal property within this state, subjecting the interests and estates of tenant in dower, by the courtesy; and for life, to the payment only of one half the tax to be levied and assessed by the commissioners on estates out of which their interests are respectively carved, is injurious and oppressive to the rights of reversioners and remainder-men; for remedy whereof, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the estates of tenant in dower, tenant by the courtesy, or tenant for life, be, and the same shall hereafter be, assessed in the same manner, and by the same rules, that the estates of tenants in fee-simple are subject to by the laws of this state. How certain estates are to be assessed.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the reversioner or remainder-man of a tenancy for life, by the courtesy, or in dower, shall and they are hereby exonerated from the payments of any tax which by the laws of this state may be levied on the estates of tenant for life, tenant by the courtesy, or tenant in dower, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding. Reversioner, &c. exonerated, &c.

C H A P. XCVII.

An ACT for establishing a mutual insurance company against fire on houses, goods and furniture, in this state. Passed Jan. 18.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an insurance be established, to be called and known by the name of The George-town Mutual Insurance Company against Fire on Houses, Goods and Furniture; and that for that purpose subscriptions shall be opened, under the direction of John Mason, Francis Deakins, James M. Lingan, Thomas Beall, of George, Marsham Waring, James Dunlop and Uriah Forrest, and under such person or persons, and at such place or places, as they may appoint and direct; and that as soon as one hundred thousand dollars in property, or more, are subscribed for, notice shall be given in one of the Baltimore gazettes, and in the Frederick, George-town and Easton papers, for the subscribers to meet, either in person or by proxy, in George-town, who shall then agree upon such rules and regulations as the majority of them present shall find best, which shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting, which shall then be binding upon all those who shall insure their property in the said mutual insurance company, and they shall then proceed and elect, by a majority of votes of the subscribers present, their agents for the management of the business of the said company, and thenceforth they shall be considered a body politic, incorporated by this act, under the denomination aforesaid, and by that name shall have succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any court of law or equity in this state, or elsewhere, and may buy or sell, and do and execute every other matter and thing relative to the said company, but none of the subscribers, nor their agents, shall be sued individually for any thing that relates to this insurance company in general; in case of lawsuits, or any other business, application shall be made to the agents, and they shall appear and act for and in behalf of this company; the company shall be at liberty to make, from time to time, such alterations and amendments in the regulations as the majority of them may find necessary; to raise a fund to pay the sufferers, they shall agree upon certain premiums to be paid by the persons who shall have their property insured, at the time of such insurance; in order that the money may not lay idle, they shall be at liberty to employ the funds to produce interest, according