

tism, and being, by age and infirmity, rendered unable to procure the necessaries of life, prays an act may pass to provide for his future maintenance out of the poor's-house; and the facts stated in said petition appearing to be true, therefore,

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XXXVIII.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money, not exceeding forty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Andrew Criswell, and that the same be collected and paid annually by the collector of Anne-Arundel county to such person as the levy court of said county shall or may direct.

Justices to levy money, &c.

C H A P. XXXIX.

An ACT respecting the poor-house of Baltimore county.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passing of this act, the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county, or the major part of them, shall have full power and authority to agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay to the overseer of the alms and work-house of said county, as a salary, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars *per annum*, and so *pro rata* during his continuance in office, the said salary to be in full for all services by him to be performed.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800. Trustees may agree, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act respecting the poor-house of Baltimore county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An act repealed.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue and be in force until the thirtieth day of October, eighteen hundred and one, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Duration.

C H A P. XL.

An ACT for the relief of James Brown and William Thompson, of Charles county, Frederick Koonen, of Prince-George's county, and John Kelly, of Montgomery county.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

WHEREAS James Brown and William Thompson, of Charles county, Frederick Koonen, of Prince-George's county, and John Kelly, of Montgomery county, by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that from sundry misfortunes they are rendered unable to pay their debts; that they are now confined in gaol, where they must remain without any benefit to their creditors, while their large families are left helpless and destitute, and exposed to all the horrors and misery of want: And whereas the said James Brown, William Thompson, Frederick Koonen and John Kelly, have stated, that from ignorance of the law they have not taken the oaths of naturalization necessary to make them citizens of the United States, although they have resided in this state from ten to fifteen years, and have taken the oaths of allegiance thereto, and praying this general assembly to take the special circumstances of their case into consideration, and grant them relief in the premises; which being thought reasonable, therefore,

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II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the chancellor shall be and he is hereby authorized, on the application of the said James Brown, William Thompson, Frederick Koonen and John Kelly, or either of them, by petition in writing, to be released from their debts, to extend to them the said James Brown, William Thompson, Frederick Koonen and John Kelly, all the provisions of the act of assembly passed at the last session, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, on the said James Brown, William Thompson, Frederick Koonen and John Kelly, satisfying the chancellor that they have fully complied with the condition and terms of said act; provided, that it shall not be necessary for the said James Brown, William Thompson, Frederick Koonen and John Kelly, to make it appear to the chancellor that they have been naturalized according to the law of the United States, any thing in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provisions to be extended, &c.

C H A P. XLI.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Hewitt, of Prince-George's county.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Hewitt, of Prince-George's county, that by a variety of misfortunes in trade he is rendered unable

Preamble.