

drain through that part of the marsh and branch in the said original act mentioned, in which no ditch has already been cut, and to apportion the said estimate or estimates of charges and expences among the proprietors of that part of the said marsh and branch through which no ditch hath yet been cut in the manner as in the said original act is directed, and to demand and receive such proportions from the said proprietors respectively, and in case of refusal to pay by the said proprietors, or any of them, to compel and enforce payment thereof according to the manner prescribed by the said original act.

Direct the proportions, &amp;c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said directors, or any two of them, may, at their discretion, order and direct the proportions of the said estimate or estimates aforesaid to be paid in not less than three equal annual instalments, to commence from the first day of August next ensuing, and upon failure of payment by the proprietors, or any of them, at the time limited by such instalment, the said payment may be compelled and enforced in the manner as in the original act is provided and prescribed.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the directors, or any two of them, may, and they are hereby authorised, at their discretion, to cause an actual survey to be made of the said ditch or drain, and of the land through which the same is cut, or to be cut, for the purpose of making a more correct estimate or estimates of the expences of cutting, and of repairing and cleansing said ditch or drain, and the expence of such survey shall be paid by the proprietors of the said marsh through which the said ditch has been or is to be cut, in proportion to the quantities of marsh land they respectively hold, and may be levied and collected from the said proprietors by the directors for the time being in the manner prescribed by the sixth section of the original act.

Cause a survey to be made, &amp;c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said directors for the time being shall have power and authority to assess and levy annually hereafter, in the manner above mentioned, upon the proprietors of the aforesaid tract of marsh, in proportion to the quantity they respectively hold, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary for cleaning out the said ditch, and keeping the same in good repair.

And assess money, &amp;c.

## C H A P. XXX.

## An ACT to authorise the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to levy a sum of money for the rent of a clerk's office.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

WHEREAS the clerk of Saint-Mary's county hath stated, by his petition to this general assembly, that for the want of a public office at the seat of justice in the said county he hath been obliged to rent a house for that purpose at his own expence, and praying that the levy court of the said county may be authorised to levy on the county such a sum of money as they may think necessary; and the same appearing reasonable and proper,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Saint-Mary's county be and they are hereby authorised to levy annually on the said county such a sum of money, for the purpose of paying the rent of a house to be used as a clerk's office, as they in their discretion may think sufficient therefor, not exceeding fifty dollars for each year.

Court to levy money, &amp;c.

## C H A P. XXXI.

## An ACT to authorise the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

WHEREAS Frances Donovan, of Harford county, by her petition to this general assembly, hath represented, that she hath had the misfortune to lose her husband, who was drowned, leaving her with several children, one of whom, Ezekiel Donovan, almost arrived to years of manhood, is afflicted with convulsion fits, so as to deprive him of his reason, and that he could not be kept in the poor-house without continual confinement, and praying that a law may pass to provide for the support of the said Ezekiel Donovan out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Harford county be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding forty

Justices to assess money, &amp;c.