

C H A P. VIII. tions made by the said petitioner, and being of opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, therefore,

M. Razer may dispose of land, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Margaret Razer be and she is hereby authorised and empowered to dispose of her said one fourth part of said land, and to convey all her right, title and interest to the same, in as full and ample a manner, and as effectually in law, as if she were a *feme-sole*, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

C H A P. IX.

Passed 8th of January, 1803. An ACT to lay out a road from M'Calister's plantation to Elisha and David Gorsuch's mill, and from thence to John Ruteledge's plantation.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Elisha and David Gorsuch, and several other inhabitants of the upper part of Baltimore county, that many advantages would arise by opening a public road from M'Calister's plantation, on the York road, to the mill of the said Elisha and David Gorsuch, and from thence to the plantation of John Ruteledge, laying on the said York road; and the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable, therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Couleson, William Johnson, of William, and James Lytle, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, mark and lay out, at the expence of the said Elisha and David Gorsuch, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, on the straightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit, from the York road, at M'Calister's plantation, to the said Elisha and David Gorsuch's mill, and from thence to the said York road at John Ruteledge's plantation; and the said road when so surveyed, marked, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made and paid shall have taken place, a plot thereof shall be returned to the clerk of the county, who shall record the same among the records of Baltimore county court, which shall be deemed and taken to be a public road for ever thereafter, and shall be kept up, and amended and repaired, as all other public roads in the said county.

Persons aggrieved may apply to a justice, &c. III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That should a difference of opinion arise between the said Elisha and David Gorsuch and any person or persons through whose lands the said road may pass, concerning the damages that may be sustained thereby, it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons so aggrieved to apply to a justice of the peace for said county, and on his, her or their complaint, to issue his warrant to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon a jury of twelve lawful men of his county, connected to neither party, nor having any lands through which the said road may pass, to appear, on a day to be mentioned in said warrant, on the lands of the person or persons so applying, before him, or some other justice of the peace for said county, the jury having first made oath, before the justice of the peace so attending, that they will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by reason of opening the aforesaid road through the lands of the person or persons applying as aforesaid, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly.

Not to go thro' buildings, &c. IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not lay out or open the said road through the buildings, gardens, meadows or orchards, of any person or persons, without his or their consent.

C H A P. X.

Passed 8th of January, 1803. An ACT to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county.

Preamble. WHEREAS James Haney, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he is a very poor man, and is now arrived to the age of eighty-six years, and that by reason of his advanced age and bodily infirmities he is unable to support himself by labour, and prays that an act may pass for his support out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

J. Haney may be supported, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor of the said county of Montgomery, if they shall be of opinion that the peculiar circumstances