

1807. NOVEMBER. LAWS OF MARYLAND.

C H A P. CLXIV. to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; therefore,

No negro to receive a certificate, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no negro or negroes shall receive a certificate of freedom, in conformity to the provisions of the law to which this is a supplement, except from the clerk or register of the county where said deed of manumission, or will, or a copy of the will, under which said negro or negroes claims or claim his, her or their freedom, is recorded.

C H A P. CLXV.

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

An ACT to punish crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed on the waters of the Chesapeake bay within the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, and for other purposes.

Persons may be indicted, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person or persons who shall hereafter commit any crime, offence or misdemeanor, upon the waters of the bay of Chesapeake, and within the territorial limits of this state, and without the body of any county of the state, and all aiders, abettors, comforters and accessories thereof and thereto, may be indicted, arraigned and tried, in the county court of the county in which he, she or they, may be apprehended, or into which he, she or they, may be first brought.

Prosecutions may be removed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any prosecutions hereafter to be instituted, under and by virtue of this law, may be removed after the indictment being found, the person or persons against whom the said indictment shall be found, suggesting, in writing, supported by affidavit or other proper evidence, that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in such court where such indictment is found, that then it shall be lawful for the said court, in their discretion, to order and direct the record of the proceedings in the said prosecution to be transmitted to the judges of the next adjoining county court, before whom the same shall be heard and determined in the same manner as if such prosecution had been originally instituted therein.

C H A P. CLXVI.

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

An ACT annulling the marriage of James Barnes and Mable Barnes, of Talbot county.

Marriage declared void, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the marriage of the said James Barnes and Mable Barnes, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, null and void, and the said James Barnes and Mable Barnes are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to illegitimate the children of the said James Barnes and Mable Barnes born prior to the passage of this act.

C H A P. CLXVII.

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, at Chester-town.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Richard Tilghman, 4th, Richard E. Harrison and William B. Hackett, heretofore appointed commissioners to erect a bridge over Chester river, are dead; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Samuel Betz, Thomas S. Burgess and Richard Frisby, be appointed commissioners in their stead, and that in case of the death or resignation of any commissioner heretofore or hereby appointed, the place of the said commissioners may be filled, by ballot, by the board of commissioners, or a majority of them.

C H A P. CLXVIII.

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

An ACT to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors.

Adjutant's salary, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the adjutant-general of the state of Maryland shall have and receive, as a compensation for his services, the sum of five hundred dollars annually, to be paid by the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, as the case may be, in quarter yearly payments.