

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 6th of November, in the Year of our Lord 1809, and ended on the 8th of January, 1810, the following Laws were enacted.

EDWARD LLOYD, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the Salary of the Members of the Council for the ensuing Year. Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of John Cooper, of Anne-Arundel County. Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS John Cooper, of Anne-Arundel county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since his emigration as aforesaid has acquired real property therein, and his title to such property may be called in question, to his great injury, from his not having become naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States before the purchase of such real property; therefore;

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the real property lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid John Cooper, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the said John Cooper, his heirs and assigns, for ever, as if the said John Cooper had become naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States before the acquiring such real property; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that the said John Cooper shall, on or before the fourteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and ten, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, otherwise this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned.

C H A P. III.

An ACT for the support of William Wheler, of Montgomery County. Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS William Wheler, of Montgomery county, by his petition to this general assembly, has set forth, that he is far advanced in age, and being much afflicted with a dropsical habit, and other bodily infirmities incident to old age, has rendered him unable to provide for himself any longer, and having an aged wife which is not able to afford him any assistance, which renders a situation in the poor-house very unfavourable to your petitioner, your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your honourable body will take his case into consideration, and grant him such relief out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in his petition appearing true, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court of Montgomery county shall, and they are hereby 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 thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said William Wheler, and that the same be collected annually by the collector of Montgomery county, and by him paid to the said William Wheler, or his order.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to alter and change the Names of Samuel, William and Jacob Cole, to Samuel, William and Jacob Caple. Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS Samuel Caple has represented to this general assembly, that previous to his marriage with Mary Cole, his wife, they had three sons, Samuel, William and Jacob Cole, that