

interest of many individuals, in much litigation, derangement and loss; for remedy whereof, Dec. Ses 1817.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* the several assessments and levies of the public or county taxes or charges, made or imposed by the levy court of Baltimore county, and the several contracts or bonds made or taken in relation to the collection, or the payments or expenditure thereof, shall be held as effectual and valid as if the same had been fully completed, made or taken, within the time prescribed by law; *Provided, nothing* in this act contained shall be construed to alter or affect the legal defence of all collectors against any claim or suit which has been, or may be preferred against them, for any act or thing done heretofore, under and by virtue of any act or proceedings of the levy court of Baltimore county, as the same existed before the passing of this law. Levies made valid. Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted, That* the levy court aforesaid be and it is hereby authorised and empowered, to meet for the transaction of public business at such places in said county, and on or at such days and times as the said court shall consider expedient, between the first day of March and the thirty-first day of December, in each and every year hereafter, and may continue, by adjournment or otherwise, from day to day, or time to time, until the public business shall have been completed; *Provided nevertheless, that the levy for each year shall be completed within the year.* Time of meeting. Proviso.

3. *And be it enacted, That* the said court be and it is hereby authorised to complete the levy of said county, for the year eighteen hundred seventeen; to appoint a collector, and finish all the unsettled business of the county for that year, and to take bond or bonds of the collector and other officers appointed; which said business, bond or bonds, shall be and are hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever. Authorised to complete levy.

4. *And be it enacted, That* the president of the said levy court be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to sign all deeds or leases for property sold, or other use alienated, by the court, and annex, or cause to be annexed thereto, the seal of the said court. President to sign deeds, &c

5. *And be it enacted, That* the judges of Baltimore city court be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to ascertain and assess such of the public charges as arose in the late court of mayor and terminer of Baltimore county, and were not assessed by that court, and also to ascertain if any and what expenses have been incurred by the sheriff of Baltimore county in supplying the necessary fuel for the gaol, and which has not yet been ascertained or assessed, and transmit the same to the levy court aforesaid, which shall be levied, collected, and paid over to the persons entitled to receive the same, as other county charges. Judges of city court to assess certain charges.

CHAPTER 23.

An act to authorise Elizabeth A. G. Stephenson to retain in this State, as a Slave, a certain Negro Girl therein mentioned. Passed Jan. 6.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* it shall and may be lawful for Elizabeth A. G. Stephenson, infant daughter of George P. Stephenson of the city of Baltimore, to re- Authorised to retain a slave in the state.