

CHAP. 81. count, written in words at full length, of the public dues demanded by him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed, if required, that she hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of her knowledge.

Collection books
to be lodged in
clerk's office.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Sarah Bowen, before she derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge the collection books of the said Benjamin Y. Bowen in the clerk's office of Calvert county, to be opened for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

CHAPTER 82.

Passed Jan 30 1819

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Slothour, of Frederick county.

Declared capable
to hold property
to her own use.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Elizabeth Slothour be and she is hereby declared capable to hold, use and enjoy, to her own use and benefit, any real or personal property which she may acquire by gift, grant, bequest, devise or descent, as fully and amply as if she were a *feme sole*, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the molestation, interference, hinderance or consent of her husband Francis Slothour.

CHAPTER 83.

Passed Jan 30 1819

An act to authorise the North Branch Toll Bridge Company of Virginia to build a Bridge over the North Branch of Potomac.

Bridge may be
built at point
which directors
may deem most
convenient.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the North Branch Toll Bridge Company of Virginia, to build and complete a toll bridge over the north branch of Potomac, at any place or point where the directors of said company may deem to be the most convenient place for a bridge, on the road leading from Romney, in Virginia, through Westernport, in Maryland, to Clarksburgh and Morgan-Town, if said bridge should be built and constructed in such a way as not to molest and impede the navigation of said north branch of Potomac.

If necessary to
take more land
than road now
holds, company to
satisfy owners
thereof, &c.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if it is or should be necessary to take the land or lands of any person or persons more than the present road as above now holds, for the abutment of said bridge, or for a road to or from said bridge, if the owners of said lands shall demand any pay, the said company shall pay and satisfy unto any such owners of land, a sufficient compensation for the same before they shall be admitted to take any privileges whatever to the building of said bridge, but if the owner of said land, and said company, cannot agree upon the price of said land, the same shall be left to three discreet men, one to be chosen by the party owning any such land, and one to be chosen by the said company, and the third one to be chosen by the men that should be chosen as above, and after taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages accruing, shall bring in any such damages, if any, as they in their judgment shall deem right and just, and that said men so chosen, shall reside in the state of Maryland, not related to the holder or holders of any such lands, nor holding any stock in said company, and shall be legally sworn, and qualified so to act, before acting.