

Dec. Ses. 1822 *act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government, relating to the division of Dorchester county into five separate election districts, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed.*

CHAPTER 3.

Passed Dec. 14, 1822. *An act entitled, An act, for the support of Thomas Deford of Queen-Anne's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford of said county.*

Levy \$25. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Queen Anne's county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, the sum of twenty five dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Thomas Deford, and that the same be collected annually by the collector of Queen-Anne's county, and paid over for the use and benefit of the said Thomas Deford, to such person as the levy court may see proper to appoint.*

CHAPTER 4.

Passed Dec. 14, 1822. *An act to provide for the election of a vestry to St. John's Church, in Queen Caroline Parish, in Anne-Arundel County.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of a number of persons, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, that they have, at their own expense, erected a comfortable church, called St. John's Church, situated in the upper end of Queen Caroline parish, in Anne Arundel county, and have prayed that a law may pass, authorising an election of a vestry to said church, and the prayer of said petitioners appearing reasonable, Therefore,

Notice.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Howard, Charles W. Dorsey and Jacob Hollingsworth, or the survivor or survivors of them, shall cause twenty days previous notice to be served on the subscribers to said St. John's church, to meet together in said church, for the purpose of electing a vestry to the same; and the said subscribers professing themselves members of the said church, or so many of them as shall then and there assemble and meet together, shall elect by ballot, by a majority of votes, eight vestrymen from the members of said church, who shall be deemed and considered the vestry of said church, until the election of a new vestry to said church shall be made in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four.*

Annual election.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted, That after the first election of a vestry to said Church, a new vestry shall be annually, after Easter Monday in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-three, elected therefor, by the free white citizens, twenty-one years of age, professing themselves members of said Church and holding a pew or half a pew therein; which said elections shall be made at the times, and in the manner that the elections of the vestries of other Protestant Episcopal Churches in this state are made.*

Powers.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted, That the vestry to be elected to the said St. John's Church, shall have and enjoy every right, power, privilege and indulgence that is given or granted to, or enjoyed by other vestries of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within this state.*

CHAPTER 5.

Passed Dec. 16, 1822. *An act to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into six separate election districts.*

Commissioners to lay off, &c.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William W. Eccleston, Joseph Byus, William Newton, Minos*