

the words, "and other liquidated state." In the 16th line of same page, after the word "office" insert "and all the fees chargeable to this state in making and returning surveys of the said lands." In the 5th line of the 3d page, after the word "office" insert "and all fees attending the surveys as aforesaid." In the 18th line of same page, after the word "depreciation" insert "or other liquidated state." Strike out from the beginning of the last clause, in the 3d page, to the end of the whole section in the 4th, and insert the following: "And be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary for any person or persons, claiming any part or parcel of the aforesaid lands, to make proof before the chancellor of any intermediate title derived from any other person or persons originally claiming under the said proprietor or proprietors of Pennsylvania, or their agents as aforesaid, except a possession of such part or parcel of the said lands acquired immediately by descent or purchase, but proof of the original grant, patent, lease, warrant, licence or agreement, from the said proprietors, or their agents, together with the possession derived as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of title. Provided nevertheless, That if any person or persons, who may conceive him, her or themselves affected by the operation of this act, shall at any time within the space of one year after the end of the present session of assembly, exhibit his, her or their petition to the chancellor for the time being, stating his, her or their title to such part or parcel of the lands aforesaid as such person or persons may claim, it shall and may be lawful for the said chancellor, and he is hereby authorized and required, after summoning the person or persons being the tenant or tenants in possession of such part or parcel of the said lands as shall be claimed by such petition, to hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to adjudge the right to him, her or them, as shall appear to have the same, and if no patent shall have been granted before such petition from the state of Maryland, for the part or parcel of the lands which shall be so disputed, then the said chancellor shall direct a patent to be issued to the person or persons to whom he shall adjudge the right as aforesaid, but if a patent shall have been before granted as aforesaid, and the same, on decision of the said controversy, shall appear to him to have been improperly granted, the said chancellor shall then decree such patent to be vacated and annulled, and shall direct another to be issued to the petitioner or petitioners to whom he shall adjudge the right, on payment as aforesaid, or otherwise shall dismiss the said petition, with costs to the person or persons who shall be affected thereby." In the 6th line of the last page, after the word "authorized" insert "and required."

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals; was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Strike out the first enacting clause of the bill, and the first word of the second, and insert "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, that." Strike out after the word "expences" in the 3d line from the bottom of the 2d page, to the word "be" in the same line, and insert "for the establishment of a watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town." After the word "that" in the last enacting clause of the 2d page, and 2d line from the bottom, strike out "the justices of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery," and insert "the commissioners of Baltimore-town." After the 2d word "said" in the first line and 3d page, strike out "justices" and insert "commissioners." In the 2d line, after the word "said" strike out "justices" and insert "commissioners." After the word "ascertained" at the end of the enacting clause, page 3d, insert "And be it enacted, That the fifteenth section of the act to which this is a supplement, shall be and is hereby repealed; and that the powers vested by the said fifteenth section in the justices appointed in virtue of the said act, shall be restored to and vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town, who are hereby required and directed to transmit to the general assembly, on the first Monday of November yearly, a full and correct account and statement, shewing what monies have been collected from the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, in virtue of the several acts empowering the said commissioners to assess and levy monies on the inhabitants aforesaid, from the passage of the said acts to the time of rendering such account, and specifying the uses to which the said monies so collected have been applied; which account and statement shall contain the receipt and expenditure of all monies collected and expended in virtue of the acts aforesaid, between the date of the last account directed to be rendered as aforesaid, and the first Monday of November in every year thereafter, during the continuance of the said acts, or any of them." After the foregoing clause insert "And be it enacted, That so much of the tenth section of the said act, to which this is a supplement, as authorises any two or more of the said justices of oyer and terminer to adjudge a vagrant, vagabond, or disorderly person, or a common prostitute, to work and labour as a criminal for any time not exceeding one year, be and is hereby repealed; and the said justices, or any two or more of them, shall, after the passage of this act, be authorized to adjudge such person to work and labour as aforesaid for any time not exceeding three months, unless good security be given, as by the said act is directed."

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The senate met. Present as in the forenoon, except Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, who is indisposed.

Mr. Parnham, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council, endorsed, "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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