

said Christian Weaver was ignorant of the said circumstance until shortly before the twenty-sixth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, on which day an escheat warrant was taken out by the said Christian Weaver to affect and secure his title in the said land; and the general assembly having heretofore, in similar cases, released that part of the valuation to which the state is by law entitled; therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said deed from Richard Allen to Christian Weaver, bearing date as aforesaid, be and is hereby confirmed to all intents and purposes whatever, as fully as if the said Allen, at the time of making thereof, had been a naturalized citizen of the state aforesaid, and that the said Christian Weaver be released from the payments of any sum or sums of money which have become due to the said state on account of its portion of the valuation of the said property, the said Christian Weaver paying nevertheless all fees which have or may become due to the register of the land-office, on account of the said escheat warrant; provided always, that nothing in this act shall be taken or construed to affect the right or rights of any person or persons claiming title in the premises above mentioned.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to confirm certain proceedings of the levy court of Cæcil county, and to enable said court to lay further taxes for the support of the poor of said county.

WHEREAS it is represented by the levy court and trustees of the poor of Cæcil county, that the sums of money heretofore raised in said county for the support of the poor have been insufficient;

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of said county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually on the assessable property of said county, such sum of money as they shall find necessary for the support of the poor thereof, not exceeding five shillings current money on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in said county, together with the collector's commission of six per cent. for collecting the same.

III. And, whereas it appears by the representation of said levy court, that in the tax laid for the present year they have levied on said county eight hundred pounds beyond the sum which by law they were authorized to levy, the unavoidable expenditures for the support of the poor having largely exceeded the appropriation therefor; *Be it enacted,* That the levy made by said court as aforesaid be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that the collector of said county be and is hereby authorized and empowered to collect the same in the same manner as he is authorized to collect other county taxes, and that all proceedings therein be and are made valid and confirmed, in the same manner as if the said levy court had been by law previously authorized to levy a tax on said county for the said sum of money.

C H A P. VI.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act relative to the proceedings in the court of chancery, and in the land-office.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is a supplement the register of the land-office for the western shore is prevented from receiving in the land-office any original certificate of survey or resurvey under warrant, unless the same had passed the examiner-general, and returned to the land office before the first day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, or within eighteen months from the date of the warrant: And whereas many of the citizens of the eastern shore of this state, from want of information of the said law, have omitted to comply with the directions thereof, by not returning their certificates to the land-office of the western shore within the time limited by said law, but are now ready and desirous to compound on certificates under the above circumstances, and will be materially injured unless they are permitted to pay