

exercise any of the powers given to the justices of the levy courts, to be appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Continued to 1801, and since continued by the annual continuing law.

CHAPTER 66.

* 1715, ch. 39. AN ACT to repeal certain clauses in the act, * entitled, an Act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates' estates, as also in the Act, † entitled, an additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs.

† 1729, ch. 24.

Preamble. WHEREAS substantial justice and sound policy require that every peaceable denomination of christians should equally enjoy the blessings of a free government, secured by the united efforts of all, and that no discriminations should subsist whereby a citizen of one religious denomination is precluded from the enjoyment of any civil right and advantage of any other religious denomination: and whereas it appears to have been the true meaning and intent of the founders of the declaration of rights, and form of government, to abolish all odious and injurious distinctions, but doubts are entertained whether or not any thing contained in the said declaration, or form, be sufficient to abrogate, repeal or annul, the tenth clause or article in an act, entitled, an act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates' estates, and the twelfth and thirteenth articles or clauses in an act, entitled, an additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs;

Clauses
repealed.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said tenth clause, article or section, of an act, entitled, an act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates' estates, passed at a session of assembly in the year seventeen hundred and fifteen, and also the twelfth and thirteenth clauses, articles or sections, of an act, entitled, an additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs, passed at a session of assembly in the year seventeen hundred and twenty-nine, be, and are hereby declared to be, repealed, abrogated, and henceforth to all intents and purposes null and void.