

CHAP. 156.

Passed Dec 28
Levy authorised
for his support.

CHAP. CLVI.

An Act for the benefit of Moses Grier, of Worcester County. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 492.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Worcester county are hereby authorised and empowered, and they shall at their next levy court, and at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of Moses Grier of said county, and same shall be collected and paid over to the said Moses Grier, or his order, in the same manner as other county charges are collected and paid in said county.

CHAP. CLVII.

Passed Dec. 29

Preamble.

An Act for draining a Branch or Swamp called Betree Swamp, lying in Caroline County. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 492.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Samuel Harper, William Norris, Richard Keene, and others, that they are possessed of part of a valuable branch or swamp called Betree Swamp, lying in Caroline county, and as there is good foundation to believe that very great advantages might be derived, as well to the public as the proprietors of the said branch or swamp, if the same could be effectually drained, and as it cannot be well accomplished without the aid of the legislature, by passing an act to secure the joint exertions of all the said proprietors: And whereas it appears to this general assembly that it will be of public utility to extend the aid of the legislature in order to accomplish so good an object, therefore,

Directors to be
elected—Drain
may be opened.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the proprietors of the land on the Betree Swamp, extending from the main road leading from Greensborough to Keen's Cross Roads, at and near Thomas Clendening's, down the said swamp until it intersects the great ditch or main branch of Tuckahoe Creek, to meet in each and every year hereafter at Thomas Clendening's, or at any other place which a majority of the proprietors shall appoint in Caroline county, and for such proprietors, or a majority of those who shall attend at the said meeting, then and there annually to elect, by ballot, five of the said proprietors for directors, who, when so elected and chosen, are hereby authorised and empowered, or any three of them, to make and open a drain or ditch down said branch from the main road near Thomas Clendening's until it intersects the main branch of Tuckahoe Creek aforesaid, in such direction, and of such width and depth, as they, or a majority of them, may judge most proper, not exceeding eight feet wide, to carry off the water from the said branch or swamp, and reduce the same to dry land; and the power and authority of the said directors, so to be chosen, shall continue and be in force until the next annual election of directors.

Costs shall be paid
by respective pro-
prietors.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the costs, charges and expenses, of cutting and opening the said ditch or drain, shall be paid by the respective proprietors of the same, each paying for the cutting and opening the said drain or ditch through his or her own land, except where it shall so happen that two or more of the said proprietors hold parts of the said branch through which the said ditch or