

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned.

Any three or more of the said trustees are empowered to sell, at public vendue, the dwelling-house and the outhouses, and as much ground, not exceeding half an acre, as, in their judgment, may be spared without injury to the poor-house lot. The money arising from the sale they must apply to the discharge of debts already or hereafter to be contracted.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties.

**W**HEREAS the line of division between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties is not well ascertained, by means whereof inconveniencies have arisen, and in particular, divers persons, living near the borders of those counties; have not contributed any thing towards the public expences; Preamble

II. Be it therefore enacted, That for fixing and ascertaining the said divisional line, the following persons be and are hereby authorized and empowered to act as commissioners, viz. For Anne-Arundel county, Mr. John Weems, and Mr. Richard Green; for Calvert county, Mr. Edward Gantt, and Mr. William Lyles; which said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall and are hereby authorized and required to meet at some place near the borders of said counties, and call before them, by summons to be issued by them, and directed to the sheriff of the county, all persons who may be deemed proper to give testimony concerning the antient and reputed division of said counties; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, are also hereby empowered to search the records of the general court, or any county court, for testimonials, to ascertain the division line aforesaid, and shall be allowed at the rate of fifteen shillings each, per day, for their expences, and may also appoint a clerk, who shall have the same allowance for his attendance; and all witnesses attending the said commissioners shall be allowed the same as witnesses attending the county courts; the said expences, and all other charges accruing in consequence of this act, to be paid by the said counties of Anne-Arundel and Calvert, in proportion to the assessment of property in those counties respectively; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby required to return their proceedings, together with the proofs whereon the same may be founded, to the next general assembly, for their approbation, and that the same division, if found reasonable, may be there ratified and confirmed. Commissioners to ascertain the divisional line, &c.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries.

Each county is charged with its quota of 2,000 men, to serve three years in the Maryland line. The governor and council are required to appoint recruiting officers in each county, in the proportion of not more than one officer to 20 recruits. This officer is to be furnished with money, and to be allowed sixteen dollars for each recruit who shall pass muster before the lieutenant; and each of these officers who shall deliver 20 such recruits before the 20th of January next, shall have a bounty of 100 acres of land within three years from the 1st of February next, to be hereafter procured within the state, and laid out, under the directions of the legislature, to him or his representative. There is also promised a bounty of 50 acres for recruiting 20 men before the 1st of March. The like allowance in money is to be made for recruiting men to the recruiting officers sent from the army. Every effective recruit is to receive, besides the continental allowances, a bounty of forty dollars, a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings; and at the expiration of his term, provided he shall not desert from the army, 50 acres of land, to be procured and laid off as aforesaid, to him or his representative. He shall likewise have the privilege of choosing any regiment or company not already full; to be exempt from all taxes whilst on duty, and for four years afterwards; (this exemption is extended to the soldiers already in service) he may likewise be pardoned, at the discretion of the executive, for any crime already committed; and further, if he shall have a family which may need assistance during his absence, it shall be afforded, at the discretion of his county court, which is authorized for that purpose to draw on the treasurer of his shire.

And to carry on the recruiting service, the governor and the council are empowered to draw on the sheriffs for any money collected under the assessment laws.