

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Thursday the twenty-second of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and ended the 15th day of August: The following laws were enacted.

THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to revive and continue the late act of assembly to prevent distilling grain into spirit.

See the act of October, 1778, ch. 19.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to restrict the delegates of this state in congress from engaging in any trade, either foreign or domestic.

By obliging them to take an oath to that purpose. To continue two years, &c. Expired.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to aid and make valid the proceedings of Talbot county court.

Which were defective on account of the court's being called and held on the Monday before the second, instead of the Monday before the third Tuesday in December last.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT relating to the issuing of writs of *certiorari* and *habeas corpus* out of the general court in civil causes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it was heretofore generally the practice to obtain the allowance of some one of the judges of the provincial court to every writ of *certiorari* and *habeas corpus*, as well in civil as criminal causes, and as such practice is not only unnecessary, but may be attended with great inconvenience and expence to suitors;

Allowance of a judge not necessary.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared, That on any writ of *certiorari* or *habeas corpus*, issued out of the general court to any court in this state, in any civil cause, the allowance of any one of the judges of the said general court is not necessary, and every such writ shall be obeyed according to the command thereof and the law of the land.

C H A P. V.

An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine.

The further sum of £. 9 15 0 in the £. 100, to be added to the 65*l*. which are levyable under two former acts.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for naturalization.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the increase of people is a means to advance the wealth and strength of this state: And whereas many foreigners, from the lenity of our government, the security afforded by our constitution and laws to civil and religious liberty, the mildness of our climate, the fertility of our soil, and the advantages of our commerce, may be induced to come and settle in this state, if they were made partakers of the advantages and privileges which the natural born subjects of this state do enjoy:

Foreigners on taking the oath of allegi-

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That every person who shall hereafter come into this state, from any nation, kingdom or state, and shall, before the governor and the council, or before the general court, or any