

chifes, that the people called Quakers are in any manner entitled to enjoy, under the declaration of rights, form of government, or any law or laws in force within this state, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free-schools of Saint-Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties.

This act invests any five or more of the trustees with a power of doing any kind of business.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county.

The sum of 40s is to be forfeited to the use of the informer, by any person owning or having the care of one of these animals, and suffering it to go at large. The said forfeiture may be recovered before a single magistrate. Any person may destroy swine or geese going at large, and, if sued for it, may plead the general issue, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned of Joseph Lyon, deceased. PR.

C H A P. XXII.

A Bill, entitled, An ACT to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover-lane in the said town.

WHEREAS a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, by their Preamble, petition to this general assembly have set forth, that great inconveniencies arise to the town of Baltimore, and the inhabitants thereof, from the narrowness of Hanover-lane, leading from Market-street to Hanover-street, and that great advantages would be derived to the public and the proprietors of the adjacent lots, provided the commissioners of the said town were empowered to open and widen the same; and the said petitioners did further set forth and propose, that the said commissioners might be empowered to ascertain the damage sustained by each individual by having the said lane widened, and such damage, agreeable to their valuation, to be paid by the persons benefited by the same, in proportion to their interest in the adjacent lots, and the advantage derived from opening the said lane; and it appearing reasonable to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition should be granted,

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners Commissioners to open Hanover-lane, &c. of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, be authorized and empowered to open and amend Hanover-lane, and make it of the same width as Hanover-street, and the said lane, when so altered and widened, according to the direction of this act, shall be and is hereby declared to be a public highway and street; and the said commissioners are also directed to return a plot, ascertaining the extent and limits of the said lane when altered and widened, to the clerk of the county court of Baltimore, and have the same lodged in the said court, as part of the plot of Baltimore-town.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, To ascertain damage, &c. are hereby authorized and required, having first given ten days notice of the time and intention of their meeting, by setting up advertisements at the most public places in Baltimore-town, to take into consideration, and to ascertain, the damage which any person or persons shall sustain by having the aforesaid lane widened and amended, and the amount of the said damages, so ascertained, to be returned under their hands and seals, together with the said plot, to the clerk of Baltimore county court.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioners, or a major part To assess individuals, &c. of them, on a due inquiry into all circumstances at the time and place aforesaid, shall assess and ascertain what sum or sums of money each individual interested and benefited by opening the said lane shall contribute towards reimbursing and compensating those who shall be injured by opening the said lane, and the names of all the persons, together with the sums of money each shall be obliged to pay, shall