

C H A P.
IV.
Justices to levy money,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Charles county shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at their next county court to be held for the purpose of laying the county assessment, to impose by assessment on said county, in the same manner that all county charges are levied, a sum of money not exceeding the value of the said three thousand nine hundred and fifty-two pounds of net crop tobacco, with the expences of collection at the time when the said tobacco was replaced and paid by the said Francis Speake, with the expences of collection added thereto, the said justices to make inquiry of the value of said tobacco, and be the sole judges thereof; and the sum so levied by assessment shall be paid by the sheriff or collector for the time being to the said Francis Speake, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

C H A P. V.

Passed January 20.

An ACT to vest in Isaac Spencer, of Kent county, and Benjamin Roberts, of Queen-Anne's county, an estate in certain lands therein mentioned, as tenants in common in fee-simple, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. VI.

Passed January 20.

An ACT for the relief of John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, of Somerset county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, by their humble petitions to this general assembly, did set forth, that they purchased certain confiscated property (lying in Somerset county) of Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, then intendant for the state of Maryland, for which they passed their separate bonds, with securities, for the payment of principal and interest thereof, and that they have not been able to obtain possession of the lands aforesaid, agreeably to the said contract entered into by them and the aforesaid Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, and prayed that the issuing executions against them might be suspended until the right of Gabriel Walter and Sarah Lenden, the tenants in possession of said lands, may be brought to a trial, and determination had thereon; this general assembly are of opinion, that the prayers of the said petitioners are reasonable: Therefore,

Attorney-general to commence proceedings, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the attorney-general commence and prosecute proceedings at law or in equity, as the cases may require, against Gabriel Walter and Sarah Lenden, the tenants in possession of the lands aforesaid, purchased by the said John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, in order to bring the validity of their claims to an immediate determination.

Executions, &c. not to issue, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That executions or other process shall not issue on the bonds of John Carmichael and Train Ackworth for principal or interest due on their bonds for the lands purchased as aforesaid, until the validity of the claims set up by Gabriel Walter and Sarah Lenden, the tenants in possession, be brought to an issue as aforesaid; and if executions or other process hath already issued against John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, that the attorney-general countermand said process.

Bonds to be delivered up on claims being made valid, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That in case the said Gabriel Walter and Sarah Lenden, should make valid their claims to the lands aforesaid, then and in that case the bonds of the said John Carmichael and Train Ackworth be delivered to them by the treasurer; and in case the state should make good its claim to the lands aforesaid, then and in that case the said John Carmichael and Train Ackworth be immediately put in possession of the lands aforesaid, so as aforesaid purchased by them, and pay their bonds agreeably to the tenor thereof, except the interest that hath or may arise due on the bonds aforesaid during the time they have been kept out of the possession of the lands aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.