

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the twelfth of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and ended the twenty-seventh of the same month, the following LAWS were enacted :

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Wathen, of Saint Mary's <sup>Passed May 25.</sup> county.

**W**HEREAS Elizabeth Wathen, by her petition to this general assembly, <sup>Preamble.</sup> hath set forth, that she has the misfortune of having a son who is insane and unfit to labour : And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that if her said son should be sent to the poor-house of Saint Mary's county, he will be deprived of that comfort, care and assistance, which can only be expected from parents and relations :

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Saint Mary's county court may, and they are hereby empowered and directed, <sup>Justices to levy money, &c.</sup> yearly and every year, to levy in the public levy of said county, to the said Elizabeth Wathen, or such other person as they may appoint, for the use of the son of the said Elizabeth Wathen, a sum not exceeding twelve pounds current money *per annum*, to be applied to his support and maintenance for and during such time as he may live, or his mother may remain unable to support him ; which ability is to be determined by the said court.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the benefit of Henrietta Adams, of Charles county. <sup>Passed May 25.</sup>

**W**HEREAS Henrietta Adams, widow of Francis Adams, late of <sup>Preamble.</sup> Charles county, deceased, hath, by her petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the petitioner's late husband acted for many years as an inspector at Nanjemoy warehouse, in said county ; that the said warehouse or houses were commonly in bad repair ; that some time before his death he applied to the justices of said county, and informed them of the bad state and condition of the said warehouses ; that repairs were not then made, and he continued, for the convenience of the planters in that neighbourhood, to receive tobacco to the time of his death, which happened on the last of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five ; that since the death of the petitioner's late husband, suits have been commenced and judgments obtained against his securities, for which his estate is liable for six hogheads of tobacco, and a seventh hoghead is claimed by a person who has not yet commenced suit ; all which tends greatly to injure the petitioner and her children, unless they can be relieved ; and prayed that an act might pass, empowering the justices of Charles county court to make inquiry into the quantity of tobacco plundered or stolen from said warehouse during the time her said husband acted as inspector, and to assess, among other county charges, a sum of money sufficient to indemnify her said husband's estate ; which being thought reasonable,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Charles county be and they are hereby empowered, at their next levy court, to <sup>Justices to make inquiry, &c.</sup> make strict inquiry into all the circumstances of the said petitioner's case, and if,