

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the first of November, and ended the twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, the following LAWS were enacted :

JOHN EAGER HOWARD, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to enable the judges of the court of appeals to continue certain causes now depending before them. Passed December 14.

WHEREAS in consequence of the sitting of the general court at the same time when the court of appeals, by law, was appointed to be held last June, certain causes, then before the said court of appeals for argument, could not then be heard, and the session of the general court at the time to which the said court of appeals was adjourned for the argument of the causes, prevented the counsel employed therein from attending the said court ; which causes cannot, by the present laws, be continued any longer ; Preamble.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of the court of appeals shall have full power to continue all causes unto the next court to be held on the second Tuesday of November, instant, which have been removed to the court of appeals on bills of exception, special verdict, or where special errors have been assigned ; but not such cases as they shall have reason to believe were removed to the said court for delay only. Judges may continue causes, &c.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington but now in Allegany county. Passed December 14.

WHEREAS before the passage of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled, An act for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of Allegany, several warrants had issued out of the office, and remained in the hands of the surveyor of Washington county for execution on lands lying in that part of the said county which was, by the act before recited, erected into and constituted a county by the name of Allegany, and the surveyor of the said county of Washington proceeded to execute the same, conceiving it his duty, notwithstanding the division of the county as aforesaid ; and as it will be attended with great inconvenience and expence to the parties interested, and, in some instances, subject them to the risk of losing their land, without the aid of the legislature, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all certificates of survey made by the surveyor of Washington county, under warrants obtained before the passage of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled, An act for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of Allegany, of lands lying in Allegany county, may be returned to the western shore land-office, and shall be, by the register thereof, received and filed, and considered, to all intents and purposes, as good and effectual as if made by the surveyor of Allegany county. Certain certificates may be returned, &c.