

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 1st of November, in the year of our Lord 1802, and ended the 11th of January, 1803, the following laws were enacted.

JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, ESQUIRE GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT relative to the continuance of causes in the court of appeals, and to alter the time of holding the same. Passed 8th of January, 1803.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the court of appeals, now sitting, be and they are hereby authorised to continue any cause depending in the said court until and during the November term, eighteen hundred and two, which they may in their discretion think proper, in order for a hearing on the merits, and not for delay. Court may continue causes.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no action pending, or which may hereafter be instituted, in the court of appeals, shall continue longer than the end of the fourth court after the same shall have been instituted, unless by consent of parties, at the discretion of the court. No action to continue, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the court of appeals shall be held on the second Tuesday in the month of June, and the second Monday in the month of November next, and the said court shall for ever thereafter be held on the second Tuesday in the month of June, and the second Monday in the month of November, in each and every year, any law to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. When court is to be held.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year. Passed 8th of January, 1803.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary. Salary ascertained.

C H A P. III.

An ACT for the relief of John Erskine, of Talbot county. Passed 8th of January, 1803.

WHEREAS John Erskine, of Talbot county, hath set forth by his petition to this general assembly, that he was included in an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and one, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors: And whereas from indisposition, and other circumstances, he the said John Erskine was unable, after making application and delivering a schedule of his property to the chancellor, to comply with the terms of the said law by the time in the said act limited: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that it will operate greatly to the injury of both the said John Erskine and his creditors if he is deprived of the benefit of the said act; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said John Erskine, by complying with the provisions of the aforesaid act within two months after the passage of this act, shall be entitled to all the benefits of the said act, in the same manner as if he had complied with the terms of the said act by the time in the said act mentioned, any thing in the said act mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. J Erskine entitled to certain benefits, &c.