

SAMUEL STEVENS, JR. ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

Dec. Ses. 1824 Gardiner and Francis Neale, or a majority of them, were appointed and authorised to lay off Saint Mary's county into five separate election districts, on or before the first day of April eighteen hundred and twenty four; And whereas a majority of the said commissioners proceeded subsequent to the first day of April as mentioned, and divided Saint Mary's county into five election districts, and made a return thereof according to law to the clerk of said county; And whereas, they did not act on or before the first day of April eighteen hundred and twenty four, as prescribed by the law, there exists much doubt as it respects the legality of the proceedings of said commissioners; Therefore,

Acts confirmed. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the division of Saint Mary's county into five separate election districts, done and performed by the said above mentioned commissioners, and all their other acts and doings relative thereto, be, and are hereby legalized, confirmed and made valid.

Passed Jan. 12, 1825.  
Preamble.

CHAPTER 17.

An act for the relief of Mary Cheezum, of Caroline county.  
WHEREAS, Mary Cheezum was convicted at October term last, for Caroline county, in two separate cases, for retailing spirituous liquors without license, and as the said Mary Cheezum is utterly unable to pay the fees in said prosecutions, and is now confined in the county jail for the same; Therefore,

Discharge.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Mary Cheezum be discharged from her said imprisonment.

Levy.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court for Caroline county at their next annual levy, be, and they are hereby required to levy on the assessable property of said county all the fees that have or may accrue in the two said prosecutions, from the commencement of the same until her discharge from prison.

Passed Jan. 12, 1825.

CHAPTER 18.

An act to alter and change the name of John Vaine, of Caroline county, to John Clinton Cooper.

Name changed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the name of John Vaine, of Caroline county, be, and is hereby changed and altered to the name of John Clinton Cooper; and it shall and may be lawful for the said John Vaine, at all times hereafter, to be called and known by, and hold and use the name of John Clinton Cooper, and by said name to sell, purchase, convey, devise, and to sue, and be sued, in any court of law or equity.

Acts confirmed.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts whatsoever hereafter to be made or done, by or to the said John Vaine, by the name of John Clinton Cooper, shall be of the same force and effect and equally valid to all intents and purposes, as if the name of John Clinton Cooper had been his first and original name.

Passed Jan. 12, 1825.

CHAPTER 19.

An act to change and alter the name of Thomas Gorrell, (of Hannah) a minor, of Harford county, to Thomas Jeffery.

Name changed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the name of Thomas Gorrell, (of Hannah) a minor, of Har-