

C H A P.
XXX.
Register to issue patent, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the register of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and directed to issue a patent to any of the said settlers who may comply with this act, as if the whole money had been paid under the said warrant or warrants, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXXI.

Passed December 26.

An ACT for the destruction of crows in Saint-Mary's county.

Persons to be allowed for crows heads.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons, residing in Saint-Mary's county, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the said county the head or heads of any crow or crows, such persons shall, for every such head or heads, be allowed, in the county levy of the said county, the sum of six-pence current money; and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person or persons bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Proviso.

II. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath, or otherwise making it appear, that such crow or crows were killed in the said county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from a justice of the peace for the same.

C H A P. XXXII.

Passed December 26.

An ACT to compel owners of houses in Frederick-town, and its additions, to furnish jack leathern buckets.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Frederick, and its additions, in Frederick county, that great inconveniences arise in said town from the want of jack leathern buckets, for supplying, in case of fire, the fire engines with water; therefore,

Houses to be furnished with buckets, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all and every person or persons, owner or owners of houses in said town of Frederick, and its addition, shall furnish the same with good jack leathern bucket or buckets, having the initials of the owner's name marked thereon with oil colours, according to the valuation of houses, as fixed by the assessors at their last assessment; that is to say, all houses, the valuation of which shall be above twenty-five pounds, and not exceeding one hundred pounds, shall be furnished with one bucket, all others, above the sum of one hundred pounds, two buckets, to be furnished within six months after the passage of this act, and kept in a convenient place in each house.

Tenants may furnish them, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any house be rented, and the owner or owners thereof shall neglect to furnish the same with a bucket or buckets, then it shall be lawful for the tenant thereof to furnish the same, at the expence of such owner or owners, to be deducted out of the rent of such house.

A person to be appointed, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the magistrates of said town, or any two of them, shall, after the expiration of the time limited by this act, appoint a fit and proper person to make due and diligent inquiry at each and every house in said town, and report to the magistrate or magistrates all delinquents under this act, and all such delinquents shall be by them, or either of them, summoned to appear before some one of the magistrates of said town, and if upon examination it shall appear, that such delinquent has not procured such bucket or buckets, such delinquent shall pay a sum not exceeding twenty shillings current money, with costs, for each bucket not furnished, to be recovered as other small debts, and to be applied to the purchase of jack leathern buckets, to be deposited in the engine houses of said town; and such person so appointed to examine and report shall, if he requires it, receive a reasonable compensation for his services, to be agreed upon by the magistrates who shall have appointed him, to be paid out of the fines arising by this act.

V. And