

Passed December 26.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the aforesaid act, entitled, An act respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts, among other things it is enacted, that in any case where commissions shall issue for taking the depositions of witnesses residing out of this state, the said courts respectively shall have a discretionary power to continue such cause, not exceeding four courts after the usual time of continuance limited by law: And whereas the present state of Europe and the West-India islands present great obstacles to the safe and speedy transmission and return of such commissions, as well as to their execution; therefore,

Causes may be continued in certain cases.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where commissions have been or shall be hereafter issued to obtain testimony in any cause, which commission is or shall be issued to parts without the United States of America, the cause on which such commission is or shall be issued may be continued for want of the return of such commission as long as the court, under all circumstances, shall in their discretion think reasonable, any thing in the aforesaid act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duration.

III. This act to continue and remain in force for three years, and to the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. VII.

Passed December 26.

An ACT to confirm the proceedings of Caroline county levy court, and to extend the time for the late collector of said county to complete his collections and receive the arrearages due therein.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the levy courts in the several counties therein mentioned, the justices of the peace for the county of Caroline were required to meet, at the usual place for holding the county court, on the third Monday of February last, for the purpose of laying the levy of said county, but the justices aforesaid not having met at the time appointed, but at a day subsequent to the day limited in said act, and laid the said levy, after which the collector proceeded to the collection thereof, in consequence of which the justices of said county are desirous that an act should pass confirming their proceedings, and the authority to collect such levy by them imposed; therefore,

Collections declared valid, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all collections already made by Peter Edmondson, as collector of said county, or any of his deputies, properly authorized in virtue of the proceedings of the said justices, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, as good and valid in law as if the said justices had met and laid the levies on the day directed and required by the aforesaid act, and that the proceedings of the said justices be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed.

P. Edmondson may receive, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Peter Edmondson, collector of the county aforesaid, to receive and collect, by execution or otherwise, at any time before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, all arrearages of county taxes and public dues heretofore put into his hands during the last year of his collectorship.