

Passed Jan. 15. An ACT to repeal certain clauses in the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates estates, as also in the act, entitled, An additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs.

Preamble. WHEREAS substantial justice and sound policy require that every peaceable denomination of christians should equally enjoy the blessings of a free government, secured by the united efforts of all, and that no discriminations should subsist whereby a citizen of one religious denomination is precluded from the enjoyment of any civil right and advantage of any other religious denomination: And whereas it appears to have been the true meaning and intent of the founders of the declaration of rights, and form of government, to abolish all odious and injurious distinctions, but doubts are entertained whether or not any thing contained in the said declaration, or form, be sufficient to abrogate, repeal or annul, the tenth clause or article in an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates estates, and the twelfth and thirteenth articles or clauses in an act, entitled, An additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs;

Clauses repealed. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said tenth clause, article or section, of an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in testamentary affairs, granting administrations, recovery of legacies, securing filial portions and distribution of intestates estates, passed at a session of assembly in the year seventeen hundred and fifteen, and also the twelfth and thirteenth clauses, articles or sections, of an act, entitled, An additional and supplementary act to the several acts for the administration of justice in testamentary affairs, passed at a session of assembly in the year seventeen hundred and twenty-nine, be, and are hereby declared to be, repealed, abrogated, and henceforth to all intents and purposes null and void.

## C H A P. LXVII.

Passed Jan. 15. An ACT to authorize a lottery to raise a sum of money to clear out the creeks leading to and from Upper-Marlborough and Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county.

Preamble. WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, that the creeks leading to and from Upper-Marlborough and Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county, are much filled up, whereby the trade to said places is materially injured, and it is prayed that a law may pass authorizing a lottery for the purpose of clearing out said creeks; therefore,

D. Crawford, &c. to propose a scheme, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for David Crawford, Thomas Duckett, Samuel Hepburn, Thomas Lansdale, John Read Magruder, senior, Samuel Tyler, senior, Jacob Duckett, Charles Clagett, John Hodges, of Thomas, and Richard Wells Brashears, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, and to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof, provided the said David Crawford, Thomas Duckett, Samuel Hepburn, Thomas Lansdale, John Read Magruder, senior, Samuel Tyler, senior, Jacob Duckett, Charles Clagett, John Hodges, of Thomas, and Richard Wells Brashears, or such majority of them as shall undertake to act under this law, do, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within three months after the drawing of said lottery, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurer for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expences incurred in said lottery, shall, within twelve months from the drawing of said lottery, have the said creeks cleared out in the best manner the sum of money raised by this lottery will admit, not appropriating more than a just proportion of such money to the clearing out of the creeks leading to each place.

Bond to be lodged, &c. III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, before they act as such, to lodge such bond in the clerk's office of Prince-George's county, there to be recorded, and upon such bonds, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

Penalty for proceeding before entering into bond, &c. IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any of said commissioners shall proceed to act as such before they enter into bond as aforesaid, in the penalty as aforesaid, he or they shall be subject to a penalty, not exceeding one hundred pounds, for every such offence, to be recovered of him or them by a presentment in Prince-George's county court.

## C H A P. LXVIII.

Passed Jan. 15. An ACT to authorize and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money annually for the purpose therein mentioned.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Susanna Purdy, of Anne-Arundel county, that she is a very poor woman, the mother of a helpless daughter, a cripple, who is entirely without the use of her limbs, and praying that a law may pass, authorizing the justices of the levy court to levy annually a sum of money for her support out of the poor's house; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

Justices to levy money. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Anne-Arundel county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually the sum