

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday the twenty-first of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and ended the 1st day of June: The following laws were enacted.

WILLIAM PACA, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT respecting registers of vessels, and to direct the entry and clearing vessels from and to the British dominions.

WHEREAS since the treaty of peace between Great-Britain and the United States, it is improper to prevent subjects of Great-Britain from holding property in vessels belonging to and owned with citizens of this state, and vessels ought to be entered and cleared from or to any part of the British dominions : Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That hereafter, in granting registers, such part thereof as prevents the subjects of Great-Britain from holding shares or interest in vessels, one third whereof belongs to citizens of this state, shall in future be omitted, and every register hereafter granted shall be corrected so as only to prevent subjects of any state at enmity or war with this state, or the United States, or any of them, from having property in any vessel declared by law to belong to this state, and entitled to privileges as such; and the oath required of the master of every vessel, on entry, shall also be amended in the same manner; and it is hereby declared to be lawful for any naval officer to enter or clear any vessel from or to any part of the British dominions, in the same manner as to any other kingdom or state in peace with this state. Registers to be altered, &c.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of John Buckman, of Saint-Mary's county. *PR.*

C H A P. III.

An ACT to change the surnames of Nicholas Maccubbin, junior, and of James Maccubbin, to that of Carroll. *PR.*

C H A P. IV.

An ACT to make valid a deed of bargain and sale executed by Abraham Davis and Elizabeth Cromer, of Frederick county, to Joshua Gift, of said county. *PR.*

C H A P. V.

An ACT for laying out a road from the wind-mill and dwelling plantation of Nathaniel Manning, of Dorchester county.

Until it intersect the main road leading from the town of Cambridge to Edward Noel's. It is to be a public road, and kept up at the expence of Nathaniel Manning. Three commissioners are appointed to lay it out as a waggon road, 20 feet wide, and to ascertain the damage done to the persons through whose lands it shall pass; and this damage shall be paid by the said Nathaniel Manning.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for laying out a road from John Groff's mill in Frederick county.

Until it intersect the main road leading from Marsh-creek to Baltimore-town, at Michael Derr's farm, one mile below Piney-creek; also, until it intersect the main road aforesaid at Joseph Myer's farm, about three miles below Pipe-creek, in Frederick county. This road is to be laid off by three commissioners, named in the act, as a public waggon road, twenty feet wide. It is not, without the consent of the owner, to run through any orchard, meadow or garden, and whatever the commissioners shall determine to be the damage occasioned by it, shall be paid to the persons concerned by the said John Groff.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to authorise and empower Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, to dispose of a tract of land called Well's Invention, for the purpose therein mentioned. *PR.*