

C H A P. XXVII. remain at large within the said town, to the great injury of the inhabitants thereof,

No person to raise or keep swine, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That after the end of this session of assembly, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to raise or keep any swine within the said town, except in enclosures, or to suffer any swine raised within the said town to go and remain at large therein; and if any swine shall be found going and remaining at large within the said town, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to impound the same, and such person or persons shall immediately give notice, by advertisements set up at the most public places in said town, describing the swine so impounded, and if the owner or owners thereof shall not, within ten days thereafter, prove his, her or their property therein, and make compensation for the injury, if any, which may have been sustained by any inhabitant of the said town, to be ascertained by any two disinterested persons, inhabitants as aforesaid, and shall not pay for every such swine the sum of one shilling for every day it shall have been so impounded, it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons impounding as aforesaid, to sell or kill the same for his, her or their use and benefit.

Persons sued may plead, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall be sued or impleaded for killing, destroying or selling, any such swine as aforesaid, the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence; and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his suit, he shall pay costs, and such damages to the defendant as the court shall adjudge.

C H A P. XXVIII.

Passed December 26.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners for building a court-house in Talbot county to sell and dispose of the old court-house, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Justices to contract for a house, &c.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Talbot county court be authorised and required to contract and agree for a convenient house in the town of Easton, to hold the courts for the county aforesaid, and from and after the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, the several courts and elections for the county aforesaid shall be held at such house so as aforesaid provided by the justices aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid, and that the said house shall be considered as the court-house of said county, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, until the new court-house shall be finished for that purpose, and that the several courts and elections, as soon as conveniently may be, shall be held in the new court-house, and not elsewhere.

Expences, how to be defrayed.

II. *And be it enacted,* That the expence of procuring such house for holding the several courts and elections as aforesaid until the new court-house be finished, shall be defrayed by the county as other county charges.

C H A P. XXIX.

Passed December 27.

An ACT for the benefit of Susanna Howser, formerly widow of Casper Fritchie, and her children.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Susanna Howser, of Frederick county, that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one a certain Casper Fritchie, her husband, was, by a special court held at Frederick-town, in the said county, convicted of high treason, and was executed in Frederick-town for the same; that he was, at the time of his death, possessed of a small house and lot of land in the said town, which he had purchased of Daniel Dulany, Esquire, but which was not fully paid for, and for which no deed had been executed to him, and some personal property to a small amount, all of which were forfeited to the state by his attainder and conviction as aforesaid; that she was left a helpless widow, with three small