

Dec. Ses 1824 said town, or in any manner become incapable of acting as such, the remaining commissioners shall fill the vacancy so produced, by choosing and electing some person qualified as is herein before directed; and such person so chosen, shall act as commissioner, until the next general election.

Limit of fines SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That no ordinance of the said corporation shall impose a fine of more than ten dollars for any offence.

Oath. SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, shall take an oath, before a justice of the peace of Frederick county, before they proceed to the execution of their several duties, to act without favor, partiality or affection, in all things appertaining to their respective trusts.

CHAPTER 30.

Passed Jan. 14, 1825. An act for the relief of Catherine Hyatt, of Washington county.
Deed of release authorised. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the Hager's Town academy, if in their judgment they deem it advisable, to release and convey by deed executed by their president, to the said Catherine Hyatt, all the right, title, claim and interest of the Hager's Town academy, of, in and unto the personal estate of Israel Zimmerman, late of Washington county, deceased.

Right of succession. 2. *And be it enacted*, That upon the execution of such deed of release, the right of succession to the personal estate of the said Israel Zimmerman, shall be vested in the said Catherine Hyatt as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if her said child Israel Zimmerman had been lawfully born in wedlock; and that it shall be the duty of the administrator of the said deceased, to deliver and pay over to the said Catherine Hyatt, the personal estate of the said deceased, after paying the debts of the said Israel Zimmerman and the costs and charges of the administration.

CHAPTER 31.

Passed Jan. 14, 1825. An act for the relief of Osborn Sprigg.
Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented to the general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of Osborn Sprigg, that he is now, and has been for nearly two months last past confined in the jail of Allegany county for debt, and for no other cause whatever; and that he is precluded from the benefits and privileges of the insolvent laws of Maryland from the want of citizenship, or the necessary previous residence within the state of Maryland; *And whereas*, the peculiar circumstances attendant upon his case, and the apparent absence of all fraud or intention on the part of the petitioner to evade the payment of his debts by coming into the state of Maryland, render it right and proper that as relates to the said Osborn Sprigg, the general prerequisite of residence for two years within this state should be dispensed with; *Therefore*,

Insolvent. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Osborn Sprigg be, and he is hereby authorised and enabled to avail himself of all the benefits and privileges of the insolvent laws of Maryland, in the same manner as though he were a citizen of the state of Maryland; and that the court, or judge, as the

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