

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Dec. Ses. 1816  
 That from and after the passage of this act, the governor, with Governor and Council authorised to forward laws, &c.  
 the advice of the council, is hereby authorised and required, to cause the laws, votes and proceedings, and other public packets and letters, to be forwarded to the different counties in this state, in such manner, and on such terms, as they may think best calculated to effect the safe and speedy conveyance of the same.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay over to the governor and council, or their order, annually, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of carrying this act into execution. To draw on the treasurer.

3. *And be it enacted,* That so much of an act, entitled, An act for the more speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes, and all other acts repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and they are hereby repealed. Repeat.

CHAPTER 242.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the Organization and Regulation of the Courts of Common Law in this State, and for the Administration of Justice therein. Passed Feb. 5.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Clerks in certain cases to grant permits.  
 That during the recess of any county court, it shall and may be lawful for the clerk of any county court, wherein no associate judge of the county court resides, to grant permits in all cases where an associate justice heretofore could or might have granted them, and in the same manner, and for the same time; and the money therefor shall be immediately paid by the party applying for the same to the said clerk of the county court, to be accounted for as other monies received for licenses, and within the same time, and under like penalties, and the said clerk shall file the recognizance thereupon taken, and enter the name of the principal therein named, and his securities, upon the list of persons licensed by the court.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the forty-seventh clause of the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby repealed. Part of an act repealed.

CHAPTER 243.

An act relating to Field-Officers of the State of Maryland. Passed Feb. 5.  
 WHEREAS by a law of congress, entitled, "An act concerning field-officers of the militia," approved April the 20th, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, it is declared, "That from and after the first day of May next, instead of one lieutenant-colonel commandant to each regiment, and one major to each battalion of the militia, as is provided by the act, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, there shall be one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, and one major, to each regiment of the militia, consisting of two battalions; where there shall be only one battalion, it shall be commanded by a major; Pro- Preamble.