chap. 5. Italf of a mile of 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 the 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 inhabitants of the said town, to be ascertained by any two disinterested persons, inhabitants as aforesaid, and shall not pay for every such swine, to the person impounding the same, the sum of twenty-five cents for every day it shall have been so impounded, it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons so impounding as aforesaid to sell or kill the same for his, her or their use and benefit.

General issue may be pleaded. 3. And BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall be sued or impleaded for killing 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.

CHAP. IV.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act to enable the Zion Church Congregations to finish and complete their House of Public Worship in Bultimore County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 2.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore county, that the Lutheran and Presbyterian societies have been incorporated in said county, by an act of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred,* and having heretofore undertaken to build a house of public worship sufficiently large to accommodate both societies, and to be applied for the purposes of a school, and the subscriptions herctofore obtained for the finishing said building having proved considerably insufficient, that large debts have been already incurred by said congregations, and that from the straightened circumstances of the members thereof, they are totally incapacitated from finishing said building without the aid of funds to be obtained otherwise than from the said societies, and praying for an act to pass to authorise, in this particular case, a lottery for providing funds for the purpose aforesaid; and the same being considered reasonable, therefore,

Scheme may be proposed.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Kerlinger, George Eapaugh, Adam Showers and Adam Burns, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised to propose a scheme of a lottery for raising such sum of money as they, or a majority of them, shall consider sufficient to complete and finish said building, not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, and to sell and dispose of the tickets therein.

Managers to give bond before sale of tickets.

3. And TE IT ENACTED, That the said George Kerlinger, George Eapaugh, Adam Showers and Adam Burns, before they proceed to the sale of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, shall give and execute a bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned that they will well and truly apply the monies arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing