

testament, or by inheritance, as aforesaid, his or her estate therein, after the term of ten years be expired, shall vest in the state, unless the person seized of the same, within that time, either come to settle in and become a citizen of this state, or infeoff thereof some citizen of this, or some other of the United States of America.

C H A P.  
VIII.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the relief of Henry Griffith, of Montgomery county. PR.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county.

The penalty is £. 10, for the use of the poor. There are the provisions usually contained in acts of this kind respecting killing these animals, and being sued.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The proceedings, which were discontinued in January last, are to be reinstated at the next court. There are the usual provisions respecting new suits, abatements by death, and bail. But nothing in this act is to invalidate any action commenced since the discontinuance by the commissioners appointed under the new constitution.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county courts.

The proceedings, which were discontinued in January last, are, at the next court, to be in the same state as if the discontinuance had not taken place. There are the common provisions respecting new suits, abatements, bail given to the sheriff, and bail in criminal cases. And as, by not being apprized of an act of the last session, the court, by mistake, was held in March last, at Choptank bridge, their proceedings at that court are hereby made good.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to raise a company of infantry to serve within the state.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to make valid a deed from George Conn to Josias Shaw, of Prince-George's county. PR.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to make valid a deed from Mary Athey to John Webster, of Prince-George's county. PR.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves.

To continue one year, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors. PR.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to abolish for ever the payment of quit-rent.

**W**HEREAS it appears to this general assembly highly improper for, and derogatory to, the citizens of this sovereign and independent state, to pay quit-rent or tribute to the subject of a foreign prince, and that not only their honour and dignity, but their safety, requires, that no subject of an enemy should draw a revenue from this state: And whereas, since the present glorious revolution, the payment of quit-rent has ceased throughout the United States, and sound policy dictates, that the citizens of this state should hold their lands on equal terms with the citizens of the other states: And whereas the payment of quit-rent, from the declaration of independence, hath ceased and of right ought to cease, being an acknowledgment of a feigniory incompatible with the absolute sovereignty of this free and independent state:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the citizens thereof, from the declaration of independence, and for ever thereafter, be, and

Quit-rent abolished; &c.