

C H A P. XVIII. and they are hereby declared to be exonerated and discharged from the payment of the aforesaid quit-rent, and that the same shall be for ever abolished and discontinued.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the adjournment of the general court for the western shore, and of Dorchester county court.

The general court to Monday the 22d, and Dorchester county court to Monday the 15th of May next.

C H A P. XX.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, in Charles county.

The commissioners having neglected to meet by the day appointed, are directed to meet on or before the 1st of August next.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT relating to the stores and necessaries heretofore granted to the officers of this state.

At the request of the officers, the quantities of the different articles, allowed them by the act of July, 1779, ch. 15, are altered; and the officers belonging to this state in Hazen's, Spencer's, Gift's, and Baylor's regiments, and Lee's corps, are to be furnished with those articles, as well as the officers mentioned in the said act.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to enable the judges of the court of appeals to appoint a clerk.

Any two, or more, to meet at Annapolis, on a day to be appointed by any two or more, for the purpose of appointing and qualifying a clerk, who shall hold his commission during good behaviour.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for licensing and regulating ordinary-keepers.

Justices to grant licences, &c.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the justices of each county, in court sitting, be, and are hereby empowered and authorized, at their next June and August courts on the eastern and western shores respectively, to grant licences to such person or persons as they shall think fit, being persons of good repute, to be ordinary-keepers, for keeping of ordinaries, in such and so many places within their several and respective counties, except within the city of Annapolis, for the ease and convenience of the inhabitants, travellers and strangers, as to them respectively shall seem meet, for every of which licences, except within the said city of Annapolis, there shall be paid the sum of six pounds, for every year such person or persons shall keep ordinary as aforesaid.

Licences to be renewed annually, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That during the continuance of this act, all ordinary licences shall be renewed at every June and August courts, on the eastern and western shores respectively, on pain that any person, then omitting or neglecting to renew his licence, and continuing to sell liquor, as an ordinary-keeper, shall be liable to all the penalties mentioned in this act against persons keeping ordinary or selling liquors without licence; and it shall also be lawful for the justices to refuse granting such person licence for that year, and if they shall think fit to grant the same at any court thereafter, the said ordinary-keeper shall pay the full annual charge for such licence. Provided that any person, not having before had a licence to keep ordinary, may, at any other court, other than the courts aforesaid, have licence granted, if the justices see fit, to continue no longer than the June and August courts following, on the eastern and western shores respectively, when it shall determine, and may be renewed; for taking which licence, the ordinary-keeper shall pay only in proportion to the time between his taking such licence and the court aforesaid.

Sheriff to collect fines, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the several sheriffs shall collect and receive all fines and forfeitures arising on the breach of any part of this act, and the clerk of each respective county shall keep a true and exact entry of all ordinary-keepers, to whom such licences are granted, and of all fines and forfeitures relating thereto, and