

C. H. A. P. XV.

An ACT to revive the proceedings of Queen-Anne's county court. Lib. GR. fol. 149.

Passed 3d of Dec. 1777.

C. H. A. P. XVI.

An ACT relating to the qualification of jurors. Lib. GR. fol. 150.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly of this state, passed at the city of Annapolis on the fifth day of February, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, it is provided, that it shall and may be lawful for the several sheriffs of this state to summon, from their respective counties, to the general court on their respective shores, jurors, freemen of their respective counties, of the most wisdom and experience, having a free hold of fifty acres of land in his county, or property in the state above the value of three hundred pounds current money: And whereas it is as expedient to reduce the qualification of jurors in the other courts of this state as in the general court,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective sheriffs within this state, to summon to any of the courts within their respective counties, freemen of their respective counties, of the most wisdom and experience, having a free hold of fifty acres of land in his county, or property in this state above the value of three hundred pounds current money; and that no challenge shall be allowed to any person for the want of free hold, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

See the note under the act of February, 1777, ch. 15, section 10.

C. H. A. P. XVII.

An ACT of indemnity. Lib. GR. fol. 156.

C. H. A. P. XVIII.

An ACT to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses and constables. Lib. GR. fol. 153.

To continue in force twelve months, &c. Expired.

C. H. A. P. XIX.

An ACT to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records. Lib. GR. fol. 154.

WHEREAS clerks of the general court have not been appointed in virtue of the resolve of the general assembly at their session in February last, and it is necessary that such clerks should be appointed before the next terms;

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the general court, or any one of them, shall have full power and authority to meet at the city of Annapolis, and at Talbot court house, on such days as the said judges, or any two of them, shall determine and appoint, and qualify clerks for the said court.

III. AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED, That the clerks of the said court shall respectively, under the directions of the judges, provide fit and proper repositories for the records of such court at the public expence.

C. H. A. P. XX.

An ACT for the better security of the government. Lib. GR. fol. 154.

Supplementary and other acts March, 1778, ch. 15; October, 1780, ch. 46; May, 1781, ch. 27; November, 1781, ch. 17; November, 1782, ch. 13; 1786, ch. 14.

WHEREAS in every free state allegiance and protection are reciprocal, and no man is entitled to the benefit of the one who refuses to yield the other, and as every inhabitant of this state enjoys the protection and benefit of the government and laws thereof, and it is reasonable that every person should give testimony of his attachment and fidelity to this state, and the present government thereof, as now established,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every free male person within this state, above eighteen years of age, unless a quaker, menonist or tunker, shall, on or before the first day

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