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CHAP
XX.

record such return and default, and thereupon proceed to adjudge such person to be outlawed, and such judgment of outlawry shall amount in law to a conviction and attainder of the person of the treason charged in the indictment, in the same manner as if the person so indicted had been found guilty thereof by a petit jury, and such person shall thereupon forfeit to the use of this state all the estate which he had at the time when the indictment shall allege his commission of the treason.

No person to
be tried, &c.

XXIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be tried for any treason or misprision of treason against this state, unless the indictment be found within three years after the offence committed; and it is declared, that no person shall be convicted by a petit jury of either of the said crimes, unless by the oath of two lawful witnesses to prove each separate and distinct fact charged in the indictment as treason or misprision of treason, except the prisoner willingly, and without force or violence, confess the same in open court.

Oath not to be
taken.

XXX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person who hath already taken the said oath, or made the said declaration, shall be obliged to take or make the same, agreeable to the directions of this act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed 3d of
Decr 1777.

CHAP. XXI.

A Supplementary act to the act, entitled, (a) An act to regulate the militia. Lib. GR. fol. 163.
(a) June, 1777, ch. 17. This act was continued and expired with the principal act, under which the several continuances are noted.

CHAP. XXII.

A Supplement to the act (b) for the special appointment of inspectors. Lib. GR. fol. 166.
(b) June, 1777, ch. 13.

CHAP. XXIII.

An ACT to prevent counterfeiting loan office certificates. Lib. GR. fol. 168.



At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND,
begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday, the
17th of March, in the year of our Lord 1778, and ended the 22d
day of April, the following laws were enacted.

THOMAS JOHNSON, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

Passed 2d of
April, 1778.

CHAP. I.

An ACT for the service of the United States. Lib. GR. fol. 169.

To continue until the 10th of June then next. Expired.

CHAP. II.

An ACT to direct the recording of a deed to John Raifin. Lib. GR. fol. 175. A Private Act.

CHAP. III.

An ACT to revive and continue an act (a) for enlarging the powers of the governor and council. Lib. GR. fol. 175.

(a) The act of February, 1777, ch. 24, revived and continued to the end of the session. Expired.

CHAP. IV.

An ACT empowering Robert Richardson and Thomas Kemp to sell and dispose of the real estate of Philip Wetherell, deceased, and to apply the money arising therefrom to special purposes therein mentioned. Lib. GR. fol. 176. A Private Act.

CHAP. V.

An ACT to procure troops for the American army. Lib. GR. fol. 178.

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