

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Lib. GR. fol. 184.

Passed 22d of April, 1778.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, entitled, An act for repairing the public roads in this province, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, (a) is hereby revived and continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of seven years; that another act of assembly, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for repairing the public roads in this province, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-third day of February, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, (b) is hereby revived and continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of seven years; that another act of assembly, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act ascertaining the height of fences, to prevent the evil occasioned by the multitude of horses, and restraining horse-rangers within this province, and to redress the great evil accruing to this province by the multiplicity of useless horses, mares and colts, that run in the woods, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty, (c) be and is hereby revived and continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of seven years; and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the said seven years; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court-house and prison in Harford county, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, (d) be and is hereby continued, and shall remain in full force for and during the term of three years, and until the end of the next assembly which shall happen after the end of the said three years.

Several acts continued.

(a) 1753, ch. 16.

(b) 1756, ch. 12.

(c) 1750, ch. 25.

(d) 1774, ch. 13.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT to raise the supplies for the current year. Lib. GR. fol. 185.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to prevent and suppress insurrections. Lib. GR. fol. 201. Repealed November, 1792, ch. 9.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the speedy recovery of public debts. Lib. GR. fol. 203.

WHEREAS many large sums of money have been issued out of the public treasury of the United States, and state of Maryland, to divers persons who have not rendered any accounts for the same, and congress having requested that a law might pass in each respective state for the speedy recovery of debts due to the United States,

Preamble.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the auditor-general, or any person or persons authorized by congress, may cause process to issue in the general or any county court of this state for any debt or sum of money now due and owing, or which shall hereafter become due to the United States, against any person or persons whatever, inhabiting, residing, or being found within this state, or against any such person or persons who have received or hereafter shall receive money from the treasury of the United States, or by order of congress, and have not rendered, or shall not render, an account for the same, and a declaration or short note, expressing the cause of action, being filed with the clerk of the court before issuing the writ, and a copy of such declaration or short note being served on the defendant or defendants, or left at his or their last place of abode twenty days before the return of such writ in the general court, and eight days before the return thereof in the county court, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of said courts respectively, and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause such defendant or defendants to plead to issue, and shall proceed to trial or judgment the first court, and shall not allow any imparlance, unless where evidence is wanted, without which the parties, or either of them, cannot fully go to trial, which fact, as also a reasonable endeavour to obtain such evidence, shall be made appear to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit of the party, or the testimony of some indifferent witness; and where the writ and short note, or writ and declaration, are not served in time, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the general court or county courts to allow one imparlance, and no more, unless evidence be wanted as above specified.

Auditor, &c. may order process to issue, &c.

III. AND