

C H A P.
VI.
Lists to be re-
turned, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of the council shall, before the session of every general court; return a list of the names of the persons who shall take and subscribe the said oath or affirmation, and make the said declaration respectively, before the governor and the council, and the time when taken and made, to the clerk of the general court, to be entered by him among the minutes of the said court; and any judge of the general court, administering and taking the said oath or affirmation, shall return to the next general court a list of the names of the persons who shall take and subscribe the said oath or affirmation, and make the said declaration respectively before him; and the time when taken and made, to the clerk of the general court; to be entered by him among the minutes of the said court.

Certificate
deemed suffici-
ent, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a certificate by the clerk of the council, or by any judge of the general court, or by the clerk of the general or any county court, of any person's having taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, and having made and subscribed the said declaration, or a certificate by the clerk of the general court, that it appears by the return of any judge of the said court entered among the minutes, of any person's having taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, and having made and subscribed the said declaration, shall be deemed and taken to be a sufficient testimony and proof thereof, and of his being a natural born subject, and as such shall be allowed in every court of this state.

No tax to be
imposed on fo-
reigners, &c.

V. AND, to encourage such foreigners to come and settle in this state, BE IT ENACTED, That no tax shall be imposed on any such foreigner coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration, and oath or affirmation, aforesaid, or his property, for the term of two years after his arrival in this state.

Not on foreign
tradesmen, &c.

VI. AND, to encourage such foreigners tradesmen, artificers and manufacturers, to come and settle in this state, BE IT ENACTED, That no tax shall be imposed on any such foreigner, being a tradesman, artificer or manufacturer, coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration, and oath or affirmation aforesaid, or his property, for the term of four years after his arrival in this state.

This act is inserted on account of the rights acquired under it, but such parts as prescribe the mode of naturalization by which the person is to be entitled to all the immunities, rights and privileges of a natural born subject, are not now in force, the general government having by the constitution the power "to establish an uniform rule of naturalization throughout the United States," and having passed a law for that purpose.

C H A P. VII.

Passed 15th of
August, 1779.

An ACT to prohibit, for a limited time, the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 159,

To continue until the end of the next session. Expired.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT establishing a mode to perpetuate testimony. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 165.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens, that material evidence is lost for want of an easy mode to perpetuate the same;

Depositions
may be taken,
&c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to take the deposition or depositions of any witness or witnesses, who may have knowledge of any fact, in proving which such person or persons may apprehend him, her or themselves, interested, before a judge of the general court, or justice of the county where such witnesses respectively reside, first giving twenty days notice to the party or parties against whom such depositions are intended to be used, or, in case of absence or minority, to his, her or their guardian, agent or attorney, if any, and in case of absence, if no agent or attorney, setting up a notice in writing at the court-house of the county where such deposition or depositions are intended to be taken, twenty days before such depositions are taken, which deposition or depositions so taken, with proof of such notice, shall be lodged with the clerk of the county where the same are taken, to be recorded, and such clerk shall record the same, and receive for his service at the same rate per side as for recording any other matter.

And read in
evidence, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That all such depositions, or a transcript thereof, under seal, whether taken before or after any suit or action commenced, may be read in