

A. P. XXII.

parish, and their successors, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out the lots number seventeen and eighteen aforesaid, into small lots, and the same to grant, lease, demise and to farm let, unto any person or persons willing and capable to take the same, or any or either of them, as may be most advantageous for the said parish, and by deed indented, under the hands and seals of the said vestry, and their successors, and on such conditions, covenants, provisions, agreements, and yearly rents, as the said vestry and their successors, and the said person or persons who shall from time to time be willing and desirous to take the same, or any part thereof, for any term not exceeding ninety-nine years, or for ninety-nine years, with covenants of renewal from time to time for ever, after giving public notice in the Baltimore news-papers at least four weeks previous to the same.

Rents to be collected, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all and every part of the annual rents of the said glebelands shall be for ever hereafter collected yearly and every year, by the said vestry, and their successors, and applied to the use and maintenance of a minister or reader of the said parish church in the town aforesaid, and to no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever.

C H A P. XXIII.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1779.

An ACT for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, in Charles-county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 47.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the original plot of Charles-town, commonly called Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, has, by some evil minded person, in a secret and fraudulent manner, been cut out of the records of said county, and thirty-seven of the lots, in like manner, have been torn from one end of the said plot, whereby the said proprietors cannot ascertain the extent and limits of their lots in said town; for remedy whereof,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Messieurs Richard Barnes, Theophilus Hanson and Josias Hawkins, be and are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall, on or before the fifteenth day of March next, meet at Charles-town aforesaid, and having so met, the said Richard Barnes, Theophilus Hanson and Josias Hawkins, or any two of them, shall have full and ample power and authority to direct the surveyor of Charles-county for the time being to survey and make out a new and exact plot of the said town, and shall ascertain and limit the extent of the lots and streets thereof, according to the best evidence that can be obtained.

Who may issue summonses, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and required, having first given ten days notice of the time and place of their meeting, to issue summonses for all such persons as may be applied for by any of the proprietors aforesaid, who are hereby required to attend; under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every neglect or refusal, and to examine them upon oath touching and concerning their knowledge of the bounds, limits or extent of any of the lots or streets of the said town, and to establish the same accordingly.

Plot to be put on record, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall cause the said plot, when finished, to be put on the records of Charles county, and the same shall be thereafter considered, deemed and taken to be, the true plot of Charles-town aforesaid, and the proprietors of lots and houses in said town shall be vested with as good, sure and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee-simple, of, in and to their several and respective lots and houses, laid down in the manner herein directed, as if the original plot had never been torn and defaced.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT relating to the estates of deceased persons. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 48.

Gold, &c. not to be appraised, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That where any gold or silver, in coin or plate, shall belong to the estate of any deceased person, the same shall not be appraised, but shall be returned in the inventory, and the weight of the plate and the species of the coin particularly mentioned.

Executors, &c. answerable, &c.

II. AND, whereas doubts have arisen about the extent of the jurisdiction of the orphans court, and great injustice may be done to widows and orphans, for want of proper powers in those courts; BE IT ENACTED, That the several orphans courts throughout this state, in all cases where the estate of deceased persons is in debt, may direct a sale of the whole personal estate, or such part thereof as may be sufficient to pay debts, and in all cases of distribution, they may direct a sale of the goods