

V. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, That whenever any subject of France shall become seized in fee of any real estate within this state, by virtue of any such last will or testament, or by inheritance, as aforesaid, his or her estate therein, after the term of ten years be expired, shall vest in the state, unless the person seized of the same, within that time, either come to settle in and become a citizen of this state, or infeof thereof some citizen of this, or some other of the United States of America.

C H A P.  
VIII.  
Provide.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the relief of Henry Griffith, of Montgomery county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 207. Passed 16th of May, 1780.  
A Private Act.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 208.

C H A P. XI.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 209.

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county courts. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 210.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to raise a company of infantry to serve within the state. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 211.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to make valid a deed from George Conn to Josiah Shaw, of Prince-George's county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 212. A Private Act.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to make valid a deed from Mary Athey to John Webster, of Prince-George's county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 213. A Private Act.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 214.

To continue one year, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 215. A Private Act.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to abolish for ever the payment of quit-rent. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 216.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly highly improper for, and derogatory to, the Preamble. citizens of this sovereign and independent state, to pay quit-rent or tribute to the subject of any foreign prince, and that not only their honour and dignity, but their safety, requires, that no subject of an enemy should draw a revenue from this state: And whereas since the present glorious revolution, the payment of quit-rent has ceased throughout the United States, and sound policy dictates, that the citizens of this state should hold their lands on equal terms with the citizens of the other states: And whereas the payment of quit-rent, from the declaration of independence, hath ceased and of right ought to cease, being an acknowledgment of a feigniory incompatible with the absolute sovereignty of this free and independent state;

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the citizens thereof, from the declaration of independence, and for ever thereafter, be, and they are hereby declared to be, exonerated and discharged from the payment of the aforesaid quit-rent, and that the same shall be for ever abolished and discontinued. Quit-rents abolished.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the adjournment of the general court for the western shore, and of Dorchester county court. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 217.