

C H A P. V. **XV. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That no suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by any creditor against his debtor, for a debt contracted before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, or after that day and before the twelfth day of June last; for gold, silver or sterling, in less than two years from the passing this act, unless the debtor shall neglect or refuse to pay the interest annually due on such debt, in gold or silver, or new bills at the value, in thirty days after a demand made, or hath removed or shall be about to remove himself or his effects out of this state; or shall refuse to renew his obligation, with securities, if required by his creditors; provided always, that this act shall not be extended to actions to be prosecuted against guardians, executors, administrators or trustees, and that the said time shall not be taken or held as part of the time limited by law for prosecuting such suits.

Rate of exchange allowed, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioner of the continental loan-office shall not allow for continental bills of credit any other rate of exchange than one dollar of the new bills for forty dollars continental currency, and so much of the act, entitled, (a) An act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, as directs a different rate of exchange, shall be and is hereby repealed and made void.

(a) June, 1780, ch. 8.

Passed 2d of Feb. 1781.

C H A P. VI. An ACT to enable the trustees for the poor of Frederick county to rent out the poor-house, and apply the rent towards the support of the poor of that county. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 332. Repealed by April, 1783, ch. 27.

C H A P. VII. An ACT for the appointment of visitors for Queen-Anne's county free-school. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 333.

Preamble.

WHEREAS great inconvenience has arisen to the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county from the late visitors of said school neglecting, through inattention or otherwise, to take, repeat and subscribe, the oath of fidelity to this state directed by the constitution, and the oath directed by the act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, whereby they were disqualified to act as visitors: And whereas it is the desire of the general assembly to promote the good government of said school, and to encourage literature by every laudable exertion;

Visitors appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs Edward Tilghman, Thomas Wright, Richard Tilghman Earle, Solomon Wright, William Hemsley, James Earle and Charles Blake, be and are hereby nominated and appointed visitors of said school, and are hereby vested with all the powers which the visitors of said school heretofore legally had or exercised.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person appointed visitor as aforesaid shall act as such before he shall subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and take the oaths required by the constitution and laws of this state, which any one of the said visitors may administer to the others, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. VIII. An ACT for the further adjournment of Saint-Mary's and Prince-George's county courts. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 334.

C H A P. IX. A Supplement to the act, entitled, (b) An act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 335.

(b) June, 1780, ch. 12.

C H A P. X. An ACT to enable the sheriffs of this state to take bail bonds in certain cases. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 336.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the sheriffs of this state have not heretofore been empowered to take bail bonds of persons taken on criminal writs, whereby much inconvenience is derived to the sheriffs, much trouble to the civil magistrate, and much delay to the administration of justice;

Sheriffs may take bail, &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of April next, it shall and may be lawful for all and every of the sheriffs of this state; and their