

Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Thursday the tenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, (f) be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force until the end of the next session of assembly; and one other act of assembly, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Tuesday the seventeenth of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, (g) be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force for one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly, that shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. VII.

(f) May, 1781, ch. 16. (g) October, 1780, ch. 16.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to vest in the members of the German reformed church an estate in fee-simple in a lot of ground in Monococy manor, in Frederick county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 89.

Passed 22d of Jan. 1781.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for holding special elections in Cæcil county, that the inhabitants of said county may declare at what place their courts and elections shall be held, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 90.

WHEREAS many of the inhabitants of Cæcil county have petitioned this general assembly, setting forth, that their present court-house and public gaol are in a very decayed and useless condition, and that the place where they at present stand is very inconvenient to the majority of the inhabitants of said county, and therefore praying that the same may be removed, if consistent with the opinion in general of the people of the county aforesaid; and this assembly thinking it just and expedient that the prayer of their petition should be granted,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That special elections shall be held in Cæcil county in manner and form following; that is to say, the first election to be held at the court-house in said county on the last Monday and Tuesday in February next, of which ten days notice by advertisement shall be given at the court-house, churches, meetings, and other public places in the county, by the sheriffs and constables of the said county; the second election to be held at the Head of Elk, in said county, on the Wednesday and Thursday following; and that the third election shall be held at Charles-town on the Friday and Saturday following.

Special elections to be held, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That John Stockton, Thomas May and David Smith, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, or any one or more of them, to act as a judge or judges for holding the elections aforesaid, and shall attend the same on the several days by this law directed, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and shall and may receive the votes of every the free male inhabitants, residents in said county, qualified to vote for delegates for said county, at any one of the places by this act appointed for the receiving of the same, provided that no voter shall give his suffrage at more than one of the places for holding the elections aforesaid.

Judges appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said judges, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to appoint one or more clerks, to take the votes aforesaid agreeable to the directions of this act, who shall, before he or they enter upon the execution of the same, take the following oath or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to wit: "I, _____ do declare, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the elections, according to the best of my knowledge, so help me God."

Who are to appoint clerks, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each judge by this act appointed shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to do so at the elections by this act directed, who in my judgment shall, according to law, be entitled to vote at the same elections, and I will not admit any person to vote at the same elections, who before his voting there, may be objections made against, if such person is not in my judgment qualified to vote as aforesaid, and will in all things execute the office of judge of the said elections, according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality; so help me God."

Their oath.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the judges aforesaid, or any one or more of them, are hereby directed, that at the close of every and each of the said three elections, to cause their clerk or clerks

Their duty.

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