

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday the twenty-first of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P. I.

An ACT respecting registers of vessels, and to direct the entry and clearing vessels from and to the British dominions.

WHEREAS since the treaty of peace between Great-Bri- Preamble.
tain and the United States, it is improper to prevent sub-
jects of Great-Britain from holding property in vessels be-
longing to and owned with citizens of this state, and vessels ought to
be entered and cleared from or to any part of the British dominions :

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That here- Registers to
be altered,
&c.
after, in granting registers, such part thereof as prevents the subjects
of Great-Britain from holding shares or interest in vessels, one third
whereof belongs to citizens of this state, shall in future be omitted,
and every register hereafter granted shall be corrected so as only to pre-
vent subjects of any state at enmity or war with this state, or the United
States, or any of them, from having property in any vessel declared by
law to belong to this state, and entitled to privileges as such ; and the
oath required of the master of every vessel, on entry, shall also be
amended in the same manner ; and it is hereby declared to be lawful
for any naval officer to enter or clear any vessel from or to any part of
the British dominions, in the same manner as to any other kingdom or
state in peace with this state.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of John Buckman, of Saint Mary's
county.

WHEREAS John Buckman, by his petition to this general Preamble.
assembly hath set forth, that he has the misfortune of
having a son of the age of thirty-two years, who is an idiot,
is deaf and dumb, and withal so contracted in his limbs, that he never
could walk : And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the
circumstances of the said John Buckman is such, that the maintenance
of his said son will be very burthenfome and oppressive ; and whereas
it further appears, that if he should be sent to the poor-house of Saint
Mary's county, he will be deprived of that comfort, care, and assist-
ance, which can only be expected from parents and relations :

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Justices to le-
vy money,
&c.
Justices of Saint Mary's county court may, and they are hereby em-
powered