

C H A P. L. relating to said addition, as they the said Peters, Deakins, Beatty and Threlkeld, or any three of them, shall think right and proper, to the clerk of the territory of Columbia, to be by him recorded among the records of the territory of Columbia, and when so recorded, an attested copy thereof, under the hand and seal of said clerk, shall be good evidence of the same, or any part thereof, in any court of law or equity in this state.

Expence to be paid, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the expence arising in consequence of this act, shall be paid by the aforesaid Robert Peters, William Deakins and John Threlkeld.

## C H A P. LII.

Passed December 31.

An ACT to authorise a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS sundry inhabitants of George-town, in the territory of Columbia, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that the inhabitants of said town made choice of, and set apart, certain pieces or parcels of ground for a market-place, and to erect a market-house thereon; that in consequence of such choice several of the citizens of said town, for the general benefit thereof, did enter into contracts for said ground, and the building a market-house; that at the time these contracts were made, the citizens so contracting had very flattering expectations that they should be enabled, by the voluntary contributions of the citizens at large, not only to erect a public market-house, but also to comply with their engagements for the ground purchased; their success however not having extended farther than to enable them to erect the market-house, which is so far advanced as to be useful to the citizens at large, and the engagements by them entered into for the ground have now become due, have prayed for an act to grant them a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum, not exceeding two thousand dollars, to enable them to discharge their engagements for the ground whereon the market-house is erected; therefore,

J. Threlkeld, &c. may propose a scheme, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for John Threlkeld, Charles A. Beatty and Samuel Turner, junior, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising the sum of two thousand dollars, to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof, provided the said Threlkeld, Beatty and Turner, or a majority of them, do, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of four thousand dollars, with good and sufficient security, conditioned, that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within two months after the drawing thereof, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn in said lottery, and the necessary expences incurred in the management thereof, and to pay the residue to the following persons, to wit: George French, Marsham Waring and Anthony Reintzel, who are hereby appointed commissioners, under whose directions the said lottery shall be conducted, said commissioners being vested with full power and authority to apply such money to the discharge of debts due for the purchase of the ground aforesaid, and the completion of the market-house, so far as they in their judgment may think right and proper, and if there be any surplus, to pay the same to the clerk of the corporation of George-town, for the use of said corporation.

Commissioners to demand the bond, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are authorised and empowered to demand and receive the bond hereby required, and lodge the same in the clerk's office of the territory of Columbia, to be there recorded; and upon such bond, or an attested copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors thereof, or any of them, or their or any of their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition thereof.