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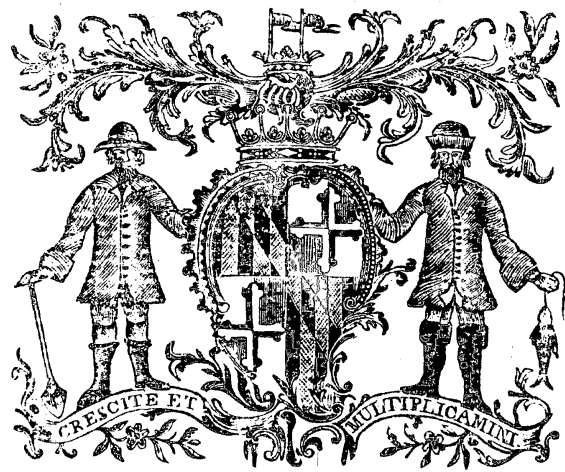
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SESSION OF ASSEMBLY,

Begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the fifth of
November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and ninety-two.



A N N A P O L I S :

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P R I N T E R T O T H E S T A T E .

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the fifth of November, and ended the twenty-third Day of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the following LAWS were enacted :

THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes depending in the said court. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS at June term last past, the said court, from the sickness and non-attendance of some of the counsel concerned in causes then depending in the said court, were induced to adjourn the same until Monday the fifth of this instant, and the said court is now sitting, and several causes before them cannot be heard and determined for want of time ; Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said court of appeals be and they are hereby authorized to continue any cause depending in the said court, until next June term, which they may think proper for a hearing on the merits between the parties, and not for delay. Court may continue causes.

C H A P. II.

An ACT authorizing certain commissioners to issue summonses for witnesses in the case therein mentioned. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS William Campbell and Robert Denny, Esquires, were appointed by the general assembly of Maryland, at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, commissioners to examine and settle the claim of William Augustine Washington against the state of Maryland, and it is now represented to this general assembly by the said William Augustine Washington, and the said commissioners, that the final adjustment and liquidation of the said claim is greatly delayed by the want of power in the said commissioners to compel the attendance of witnesses ; therefore, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners on the behalf of this state to settle the said claim, shall have full power and authority to issue summonses to the sheriff of any county where witnesses, whose testimony may be wanted in the examination of the said claim, may reside, returnable within thirty days from the date thereof, and the said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to serve the same in like manner as if the said summonses had issued from any court of record in this state, and shall make due return thereof to the said commissioners, according to the tenor of the said summonses ; and if any witness, so summoned, shall refuse or neglect to appear before the said commissioners on the day appointed for his attendance in the said summons, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, in their discretion, and unless good cause be shewn to the contrary, to issue an attachment of contempt, returnable forthwith, against any witness so refusing or neglecting to appear, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness shall reside or may be found, which said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to serve the same, in like manner as attachments of contempt issuing from any court of record in the state, and upon service thereof to have the body of the said witness forthwith before the said commissioners, to testify in the premises, which said witness, so Commissioners empowered to issue summonses, &c.

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having

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That his excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, on the purchase money for the said property so sold being paid, to execute and acknowledge, to the purchaser or purchasers of the same, a deed or deeds for conveying the said property to the said purchaser or purchasers, in fee, which deed or deeds, so executed and acknowledged, shall be as good and effectual in law as if the said deed or deeds had been executed by any three or more of the trustees in the act aforesaid mentioned, any thing in the law to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. L.
T. S. Lee to execute deeds, &c.

C H A P. LI. *Orig. 1774 ch. 28-*

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen with some of the justices of the peace of this state, whether, under the act of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, to which this is a supplement, they had not power to relieve persons from fines and forfeitures incurred for the breach of the penal laws of this state, and this legislature being willing to declare their opinion of the law, therefore,

Preamble.
*Cont. 1720
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of 1798. ch.
71.*

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That it shall not be lawful for any judge or justices, in any county of this state, to relieve from confinement, by virtue of the said law to which this is a supplement, any person who may be committed to the custody of any sheriff for any fine or forfeiture incurred, or to be incurred, for the breach of any law of this state, or for the costs arising on any prosecution.

Certain persons not to be relieved, &c.
see 1797. ch. 117

III. **And be it enacted,** That this law be and continue in full force as long as the act to which it is a supplement shall continue.

Duration.

C H A P. LII.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to improve and repair the streets in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS, by the act, entitled, An act to improve and repair the streets in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, commissioners were appointed to regulate the posting of footways in the sides of the streets, and paving the same, and were empowered to remove nuisances in said town, but not to remove the same at the expense of the persons causing the same; and the said commissioners complain to this general assembly, that the said footways are greatly injured by persons riding and leading horses on the same; and the said commissioners have represented, that the inhabitants of the said town are frequently endangered by persons straining their horses in the streets of said town, and that frequent accidents happen in said town by the firing of guns and pistols therein, and that the houses of said town are frequently in danger by persons permitting their chimnies to catch fire during dry seasons;

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That if any person or persons shall ride or lead any horse or horses on the footways of the said town, except to enter any alley or gate, such person or persons shall forfeit the sum of five shillings current money.

Horses not to be rode on the footways, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That if any person or persons shall strain any horse or horses in the streets of said town, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money for every such offence.

Nor strained through the streets, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That if any person or persons shall fire any gun or pistol in the said town, such person or persons shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money.

Guns not to be fired, &c.

V. **And**