

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 seventeenth of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, the following LAWS were enacted :

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases. Passed November 26.

WHEREAS from the present insecure situation of many of the public Preamble. gaols of this state, and the great hazard and danger of keeping prisoners until they are brought to trial at the stated and fixed times of holding courts, as established by law, it is thought reasonable, for the more effectually expediting of justice, that the governor be invested with power to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery :

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor Governor may issue commissions, &c. for the time being, upon application being made, shall have full power and authority to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, for the trial of all crimes, offences and misdemeanors, whatsoever, that have arisen or may arise in any county within this state, whenever it shall appear to him that there is a necessity such commission should issue.

III. This act to continue three years, and until the end of the next session of Continuance. assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the adjournment of Baltimore county court. Passed December 6.

WHEREAS Baltimore November county court stood adjourned till the Preamble. first Monday in December, and several persons having business in said court are members of the general assembly, and obliged to attend their duty therein :

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all causes, Causes, &c. adjourned, &c. pleas, process and proceedings, now depending and returnable to the said November court, shall be, and by virtue of this act, adjourned and continued to the third Monday in this present month of December ; and that all the said causes, pleas, process and proceedings, in the said court now depending, and returnable to the said November court, shall be in the same state and condition as they would be in on the said first Monday in December, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to appropriate Passed December 6. certain land to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following Part of an act repealed. words of the above mentioned act, to wit, " And before any grant shall issue on any certificate expressing more than one boundary for the beginning, the owner shall make oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be) that he