

lars for every day the same shall continue, to the use of Baltimore county, to be recovered by action of debt at the suit of the state.

CHAP. 79.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for the said corporation to enter into any negotiations on bills or notes, nor to deal in exchange, discount, or other commercial or banking operation, other than to vest their capital in stocks of chartered companies, or in public securities, or to borrow money as may be found necessary for the carrying on the works proposed; and dividends of the profits of the stock shall be annually made, reserving only, at the discretion of the directors, such proportion as they, or a majority of stockholders, shall deem sufficient for maintaining and supporting the works necessary to promote or attain the object of this incorporation; and if the said corporation shall not carry into effect the intentions of this act, within five years from the passage thereof, in that case all the powers hereby vested in them shall cease and determine.

Corporation not to deal in any banking operation other than to vest the capital in stocks, &c.

15. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all acts of assembly heretofore passed on this subject, be, and the same are hereby declared to be, repealed, null and void.

Acts repealed.

CHAP. LXXX.

An Act to establish and confirm certain Acts done by Justices of the Peace in Allegany County. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 76.

Passed Dec. 31.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any justice or justices of the peace in Allegany county, holding, or having held, any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States since the fourth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, hath acted, or shall have acted, at the same time as a justice or justices of the peace in Allegany county, in every such case all and singular the act or acts done, performed or executed, by or before such justice or justices of the peace aforesaid, by virtue of his or their official authority under this state, and within the proper limits of his or their jurisdiction, shall be and the same are hereby declared valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, in the like manner as if such justice or justices of the peace aforesaid, at the time of doing or performing such act or acts, had not held any office of profit or trust under the government of the United States.

Certain acts declared valid.

CHAP. LXXXI.

A Further Supplement to the act (a), entitled, An act relating to Servants and Slaves. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 77.

Passed Dec. 21.

(a) 1715, ch. 44. See. 1814, ch. 92.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all criminal prosecutions against any negro or mulatto slave, or against any mulatto descended from a white woman, or against any negro or mulatto free or freed, the testimony of any negro or mulatto slave, or the testimony of any mulatto, descendant from a white woman, or the testimony of any negro or mulatto free or freed, may be received in evidence for or against them, any law now existing to the contrary notwithstanding.

In criminal prosecutions against negroes, &c. testimony of slaves &c. may be received.

See 1751, ch. 14, s. 4, and 1801, ch. 109.