

1812.

Duration of
the bank char-
ter.

however to the provision in the following section) that shall happen thereafter.

27. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in the event of the several Banks in the city of Baltimore, and the Bank in Washington county, not agreeing to the provisions of an act passed at the present session, entitled, "An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several Banks in this State;" this act shall be in force until the expiration of the year eighteen hundred and fifteen, and until the end of the next General Assembly thereafter, and no longer.

CHAPTER 181.

Passed Jan.
1, 1813.

*A further additional supplement to the act entitled,
An act to direct descents.*

Tenants by
the courtesy.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever any person or persons are, or hereafter may be entitled as tenants by the courtesy to a life estate, in an undivided part of the real estate of an intestate, and the commissioners shall determine and so certify to the court in their return, that the said estate cannot be divided without loss and injury to all the parties concerned, the chancellor or the county court to which the said return is made, shall proceed to award to such tenant or tenants, such sum in current money as he or they shall think just and equitable, in lieu of such tenancy by the courtesy; and in decreeing such value to the said tenant, the chancellor or the county court, (as the case may be,) shall be directed by the age, health and condition of such tenant, and such award of value shall be sufficient to bar such tenant from all and every right or title by such courtesy, which such tenant may claim to the lands and tenements of such intestate; and the person making the election to take the estate at the valuation of the commissioners, and under the award of the chancellor or county court, shall hold the said estate, disencumbered by any tenancy by the courtesy.

CHAPTER 182.

Passed Jan.
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An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a Fire Engine in Cumberland, in Allegany county.

Managers—
bond.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Thistle, Samuel Smith,