

of the Peace appointed by Governor A. W. Bradford during the month of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and the month of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be and the same are hereby declared to be of full force and effect, and they shall be taken and received to have the same effect as if such Justices had been appointed in conformity with law; *provided*, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to effect judgments rendered by said Justices.

Proviso.

In force.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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#### CHAPTER 309.

Passed Mar, 15, 1867, AN ACT to incorporate the North Branch Company.

Incorporated. SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That E. R. Brydon, Anthony Kean, Peter Devecmon and such other persons as may be associated with them in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be and are hereby incorporated and made a body politic by the name and style of the North Branch Company, and by that name shall have succession and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court of Law and Equity, and may have and use a common seal and the same to alter and renew at pleasure, and the said company shall have all the rights and privileges necessary for mining coal and other minerals, and the manufacture of iron, fire brick and lumber, for the transporting of the products of their said mines and manufactures to market, and also shall have full power to lease and purchase lands, mines and mills, with their appurtenances, and to hold such property, real, personal and mixed, as they may acquire for the purpose aforesaid, and the said company shall have power to purchase any railroad or rights of way within