

an act concerning crimes and punishments, passed at November session, in the year eighteen hundred and nine,\* as prescribes a different punishment for the above mentioned offences, be and the same is hereby repealed. \* Ch. 138.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall operate to abate any prosecution now pending under the laws of this state. Not to abate any prosecution now pending.

SEC. 5. *And be enacted*, That all such offences committed before the passage of this act, as are embraced by this act, shall be and they are hereby directed to be proceeded against and punished, as the same would have been proceeded against and punished if this act had not passed. Offences committed before the passage of this act to be proceeded against.

#### CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT to make valid certain Proceedings therein mentioned.

Other acts are, 1832, ch. 152.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all discounts heretofore made by any of the banks of this state, wherein the rate of interest has been calculated according to the standard laid down in Rowlett's Tables, be, and they are hereby declared to be, valid to all intents and purposes, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding, provided that in all other respects they shall have complied with the laws of this state. Discounts heretofore made by banks, calculated by Rowlett's Tables, made valid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no court of law within this state shall entertain or admit the plea of usury, to bar any claim due to any bank incorporated by the legislature of this state, where the rate of interest, charged by such bank, has been calculated or deducted according to the interest tables of Rowlett. Plea of usury not permitted when interest is charged as above.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in future the several banks of this state shall be governed, in their discounts, by the rates of interest as charged and set forth in Rowlett's Tables. Banks to be governed, in their discounts, by Rowlett.

#### CHAPTER 155.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act for the better regulation of Apprentices.

See notes to the original act, ante page 294.

WHEREAS, it is represented to the general assembly, that under the act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four,\* entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the better regulation of apprentices, justices of the peace, remote from the seat of justice of the counties, and unapprized of the orphans courts being in session, have, during the sessions of said courts, bound out apprentices, agreeably to the terms, regulations and restrictions, prescribed by the act to Preamble. \* Ch. 47.