

23. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the inhabitants of the said town, and all persons holding property therein, shall be competent witnesses in all actions arising under this act, or the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation, if exempt from all other exceptions than that of interest as an inhabitant of the said town, or member of the said corporation. CHAP. 74.
Inhabitants to be competent witnesses in actions arising under this act.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no ordinance of the said corporation shall be binding on persons who do not reside within the limits of the said town, until the same shall have been published in some newspaper of the said town, unless in the case of wilful and intentional violation of said ordinance, after notice thereof; *Provided always*, that the said corporation shall not pass any ordinance inconsistent with the laws of this state, or of the United States. Ordinances not to affect non-residents, until published.
Proviso.

CHAP. LXXV.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to Incorporate a Company to make the several Turnpike Roads therein mentioned. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 218.* Passed Jan 15 1817
* 1815, ch. 190.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever five hundred shares, or more, of the stock authorised by the act aforesaid, shall have been subscribed, the commissioners therein named, or a majority of them, shall notify the subscribers, who may proceed to organize the company, and in the objects authorized by said act, in like manner as if the number of shares mentioned in said act had been previously subscribed. When 500 shares are subscribed, company to be organized.

CHAP. LXXVI.

An Act to alter and amend the act†, entitled, An act for the encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build Water Mills. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 218. Passed Jan 15 1817
† 1794, ch. 19.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen, no master, owner, miller, or other person properly belonging to, or otherwise owning any mill within this state, shall ask, demand or receive, for grinding any quantity or quantities of Indian corn or rye, above one-eighth part of every bushel of Indian corn or rye by him or them so ground as aforesaid, upon penalty and forfeiture of fifty dollars current money, for every offence, one half to the use of the state, and the other half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in the respective counties by action of debt, before any justice of the peace, in the manner as prescribed by law for the recovery of small debts out of court. No miller to demand more than one eighth.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so much of the act to which this is an amendment, repugnant to the provisions herein contained, be and the same is hereby repealed. Part of an act repealed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall have force until the end of the next session of the general assembly. Duration.

This act was made permanent by 1817, ch. 189.