

CHAP. 218. cincts respectively, be and they are hereby authorised and required to borrow money for the purpose of their carrying into effect within the r respective districts the provisions of this act, and to pledge therefor any levy or assessment herein authorised to be laid or collected under their respective appointments or authority.

This act not to authorise the extension of Pratt or Lombard-streets

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorise the opening or extension of Pratt-street or Lombard-street, within the city of Baltimore, or to authorise the pulling down of any house or building now occupied as a dwelling, warehouse, store, work-shop, manufactory, or place of worship, without the assent in writing of the owner or owners first had and obtained.

By 1817, ch. 148, so much of this act as is supplied by or inconsistent with the provisions of that act, is repealed.

CHAP. CCXIX.

An Act to Suppress Duelling. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 375.

Passed Feb. 4, 1817
Preamble

WHEREAS experience has evinced that the existing remedy for the suppression of the barbarous custom of duelling is inadequate to the purpose, and the progress and consequences of the evil have become so destructive as to require an effort on the part of the legislature to arrest a vice the result of ignorance and barbarism, justified neither by the precepts of morality nor by the dictates of reason; therefore,

Persons fighting duels to be confined in penitentiary

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person who shall hereafter wilfully and maliciously, or by previous agreement, fight a duel, or single combat, with any engine, instrument or weapon, the probable consequence of which might be the death of either party, and in so doing shall kill his antagonist, or any other person or persons, or inflict such wound as that the person injured shall die thereof within twelve months and a day thereafter. such offender, his aiders, abettors and counsellors, being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary-house for a period not less than five nor more than eighteen years, any law, custom or usage, of this state, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons challenging, to be incapable of holding any office of profit or trust

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person whatsoever shall challenge another to fight a duel with any weapon, or in any manner whatsoever, the probable issue of which may or might result in the death of the challenger or challenged, or if any person shall accept a challenge, or fight a duel with any weapon, or in any way whatsoever, the probable issue of which may or might terminate in the death of the challenger or challenged, such person shall be incapable of holding or being elected to any post of profit, trust or emolument, civil or military, in this state.

3. This section repealed by 1817, ch. 222.

Judges to give in charge to juries all the laws to suppress duelling

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the judges of the several county courts at their respective terms, to give in charge expressly to the jury, all the laws in force to suppress duelling, also to charge the jury to present all persons concerned in carrying, sending, or accepting a challenge.

Any judge or magistrate, having cause to suspect any person about

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any judge or magistrate of this state has good cause to suspect any person or persons are about