

CHAP. 252. any election held in virtue of this act, to the presiding judges of the other election districts of said county.

Presiding judges to receive their returns.

5. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the presiding judges of the said election districts, in making out their returns, shall compute and receive as a part of the votes taken at any such election, the returns made to them by virtue of this act, by the said mayor, recorder and aldermen.

Part of constitution repealed.

6. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That all such parts of the constitution and form of government as are repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

If confirmed to be part of the constitution.

7. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government direct, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendments of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of the said constitution and form of government. any thing in the said constitution and form of government to the contrary notwithstanding.

This act was confirmed by 1817, ch. 149.

CHAP. CCLIII.

Passed Feb. 5 1817 *An Act for the benefit of the Securities of Thomas Thompson, late of Dorchester County.* Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 423. A Private Act.

See 1817, ch. 3.

CHAP. CCLIV.

Passed Feb 5, 1817 *An Act for the benefit of Priscilla Wilson, of Calvert County.* Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 424. A Private Act.

Authorising her to sell and convey all property which descended to her from her sister Sarah B. Parker. See Dec. 1813, ch. 153.

CHAP. CCLV.

Passed Jan 30 1817 *An Act incorporating the Master and Wardens, for the time being, of Somerset Lodge number forty-nine, of Free and Accepted Masons, for the purposes therein mentioned.* Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 425.

Master and wardens incorporated.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the master and wardens, for the time being, of Somerset Lodge No. 49, of Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared a body corporate, so far as to enable them to hold an estate in fee simple, in the lot of ground on which the Masonic Lodge in Princess-Anne now stands, and any adjoining land not exceeding one half acre.

CHAP. CCLVI.

Passed Feb 5, 1817 *An Act for the distribution of a certain Fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several Counties therein mentioned.* Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 425.

Supplements, 1817, ch. 60, ch. 109; and 1818, ch. 116, ch. 162.

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Nov. 1812, ch. 79.

WHEREAS by an act*, 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 the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes, and its supplements, a fund has been pledged for the establishment of free schools throughout the