said Commissioners the said sum of one thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11th, 1874.

CHAPTER 408.

AN ACT to repeal the act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter two hundred and thirty-four, entitled "an act to tax the gross receipts of railroad companies in this State for State purposes," and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add the same to article eighty-one, of the Code of Public General Laws of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act passed at January session, Repealed. eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter two hundred and thirty four, "entitled an act to tax the gross receipts of railroad companies in this State for State purposes," be and the same is hereby repealed, pro- Proviso vided that said repeal shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired, and existing at the time of said repeal, under said act, nor shall it impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatsoever now existing, but that all suits and actions pending, and all prosecutions for penalties under said act, including all civil and criminal proceedings whatsoever shall be prosecuted and proceeded with to final determination, and judgment entered therein as if said act had not been repealed.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all acts or Repealed. parts of acts heretofore passed, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.