

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall beat, dog, bruise, or in any manner injure any horned or black cattle, sheep or hogs, the owner or tenant of the property whereon such damage shall be done, shall be liable for an action of damages for the injury, to the full amount of the actual damage, to be estimated by two disinterested persons, one chosen by each party, and to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county; and if either party shall refuse to appoint an appraiser of such damage for the space of five days from the injury done, any justice of the peace may appoint in his stead.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the first day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved April 11th, 1874.

CHAPTER 477.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to purchase at its discretion, the property of the Western Maryland Rail Road Company, and to issue the bonds of the City of Baltimore, in order to provide for the payment money for said purchase.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in the contingency of the foreclosing of the mortgages of the Western Maryland Rail Road Company, it shall be lawful for the City of Baltimore, in virtue of its large interest and investments in said company, to purchase all the properties and assets of said company, including the right of way, railroad track, rolling stock, stations, &c., &c, at such time as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall pass an ordinance, declaring it expedient and proper to make such purchase; provided, that the ordinance shall in all respects conform to the requirements of