

of the Chesapeake Bay, thus comprising the larger portion, if not the whole, of the present counties of Cecil and Kent. The County Court was held at Joppa, on the Gunpowder River, from an early period till 1768, when, by Act of 1768, ch. 14, a court house and prison in Baltimore town were erected (*see* Levy Court v. Gwynn, 4 H. & J. 227), "on the uppermost part of Calvert Street, next Jones' Falls," where the Battle Monument now stands—and on their completion, the records were removed from Joppa, which has now ceased to be. By the vote of the county, November, 1853, the county seat of Baltimore County was located at Towsontown, under the Act of 1853, ch. 452.

## ANNEXATION ACT.

1888, ch. 98.

AN ACT to extend the limits of Baltimore City by including therein parts of Baltimore County.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all that part of Baltimore County which is included within the following metes and bounds, that is to say:

*Beginning* for the same at the intersection of the present northern boundary line of the City of Baltimore with the present eastern boundary line of said city, and running thence northerly on and with the line of the said present eastern boundary line of said city if said line were extended northerly to a point on a line drawn due east and west two miles due north from the intersection of the west side of Charles Street with the north side of North Avenue, and thence running with and bounding on said line westerly until said line intersects the northeast side of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road, and thence running and binding on said side of said road southeasterly to the point of its intersection with the north line of North Avenue, and thence running easterly with the north line of said avenue to the place of beginning, shall be annexed to and become a part of the City of Baltimore, at the time and upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all that part of Baltimore County which is included within the following metes and bounds, that is to say:

*Beginning* for the same at the intersection of the northeast side of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Road with the north line of North Avenue, and running thence on the said northeast side of said road, northwesterly, until said line intersects a line drawn due east and west two miles due north from the intersection of the west side of Charles Street with the north side of North Avenue, and running thence westerly on said line until it intersects a line drawn parallel to and distant westerly two miles from the west of Payson Street, as laid down on Poppleton's map of Baltimore City, measured at right angles thereto, and thence southerly with said line, and binding thereon, to a point where said line would be intersected by a line running due west from the point on the present western boundary