

1868, c. 367 enacts that the county commissioners of Anne Arundel county, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, if in their judgment they shall deem it expedient, as soon as a *bona fide* subscription for ten thousand shares of the capital stock of the Baltimore and Drum Point Rail Road Company shall have been made by other parties, to subscribe in behalf of said county for a sum of money not exceeding two thousand shares of the said stock, and in payment of the said subscription to issue bonds in the name of the county commissioners of said county in such sums, and redeemable in such time or times within twenty years, as the said commissioners shall prescribe on the face of said bonds, and to sell the said bonds and apply the proceeds of such sales in payment for the stock so subscribed for by them, and to each of said bonds shall be attached coupons for the interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

That the said bonds shall be exempt from county and municipal taxation, and the faith of Anne Arundel county is hereby pledged for the redemption thereof.

That the said county commissioners shall levy on the assessable property subject to taxation, for the ordinary expenses of the said county, such sum or sums of money as shall, in their discretion, be necessary for the prompt payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds.

That the said county commissioners are hereby authorized to sell or pledge the shares of stock which may be subscribed for under the provisions of this act, and apply the proceeds to the payment of said bonds or the interest thereon.

That a majority of said county commissioners are hereby empowered to vote the stock subscribed for by this act at any meeting of the stockholders of said company, under such conditions as the private stockholders may be authorized to vote their individual stock.

That this act shall be advertised in the newspapers published in Anne Arundel county, for two months preceeding the next election held for members of the house of delegates, and be subject to the approval of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the general assembly of Maryland, at its next session after said election.

PATUXENT RIVER.

1868. c. 202 entitled an act to protect the navigation of the Patuxent river enacts as follows -

135. All weirs and hedges in the Patuxent river above Hill's bridge and below the public wharf at the town of Queen Anne, are declared nuisances and may be abated as such by any person. ^{1868, c. 202.}
What weirs and hedges, nuisances.

136. If any person shall place or make any weir or hedge in the said Patuxent river, contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, either of Prince George's county or Anne Arundel county, one-half to the informer or per- ^{Penalty.}