

for a public square or park, under any ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, authorized by the law in force before the passage of the act of the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter twenty, be and the same are hereby saved and excepted from the effect of said act, and hereby declared valid; and especially the acts done and proceedings had and began by the commissioners for opening streets under the ordinance of said Mayor and City Council, approved October twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and entitled an ordinance to provide for the condemnation of the vacant ground lying between Johnson, Hughes, Covington and Warren streets, known as Federal Hill, and the Observatory building located thereon, for the purpose of a public square or park.

Ordinance to provide.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and City Council be and the same are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to proceed to acquire by condemnation any land or ground for a public square or park, in all cases wherein proceedings were had or begun before the passage of this present act; and especially proceedings had and begun under the ordinance mentioned in the preceding section, and to conduct all such proceedings to final completion, as if the act passed at the January session of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter twenty, had never been enacted.

Empowered and directed.

Never been enacted.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

Approved March 21, 1878.

CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT to prevent the taking of fish with pound or stake nets in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, bounding on and lying within Harford county.

Shall take shad or any fish.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no person shall take shad or