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eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter one hundred and seventy-three, entitled 'An act regulating the working and proper ventilation of coal mines in Allegany and Garrett counties, and providing for the appointment of an inspector of said mines,' and to re-enact the same with amendments, be and the same is hereby amended by adding an additional section to said act passed at this present session, to be numbered section fifteen and one-half, to read as follows:

May contract  
with miners.

SEC. 15½. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful, however, notwithstanding the provisions of the act to which this is supplementary and amendatory, for any corporation or individual engaged in mining coal in Allegany and Garrett counties, in this State, in or by a shaft, to contract with miners to dig the coal therein or therefrom by measurement, and in all cases where the wages of the miners are by contract or agreement ascertained by the cubic yard or other measurement, it shall not be obligatory upon such corporations or individuals so contracting to provide scales, or any weigh-master or weigh-masters at such shaft, or to weigh any coal therein, or taken therefrom; but the miners cars used in any mine worked by a shaft shall be measured by a sworn measurer, and the capacity of each car shall be stamped or branded thereon.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1878.



## CHAPTER 372.

AN ACT to incorporate the Hunting Creek Wharf Company of Dorchester county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Leckie, Daniel I. Vick-