

Dec Ses 1825.

Confirmatory.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said demise or the said confirmation thereof, shall be as valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes as if the said Lambert Smith Norwood were of the full age of twenty one years, and being so, had made the said demise or confirmation thereof.

CHAPTER 133.

Passed Feb.
28, 1826.

A. act for draining a branch of the Red Lyon called Trap Hill Branch from the head thereof to Trap Hill Bridge.

Meeting—
choice of di-
rectors.

Sec 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the proprietors of the lands lying on a branch of the Red Lyon, known by the name of Trap Hill branch, from the head thereof to Trap Hill bridge, to meet at Dixons' tavern on the third Monday in July next, and on the third Monday in July forever thereafter, at the aforesaid place, or at any other place which a majority of the proprietors or a majority of those who may attend at said meeting, and there annually to elect by ballot, three of the said proprietors for directors, who when so elected and chosen, are hereby authorised and empowered, or any two of them, to make and open a drain or ditch down said branch, from the head of said Trap Hill branch to Trap Hill bridge aforesaid, in such direction, and of such width and depth as they, or a majority of them, may judge most proper to carry off the water from said branch, and reduce the same to dry land; and the power and authority of said directors so chosen shall continue and be in force until a new election shall take place.

Payment of
expenses.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the costs, charges and expenses of cutting and opening said ditch or drain, shall be paid by the respective proprietors of the same, each paying for cutting and opening the said drain or ditch through his own land, except where it shall so happen that two or more of the said proprietors hold part of the said branch or low grounds adjacent to, or which may be drained and improved thereby, or through which the said ditch or drain shall pass, adjoining each other, part on one side thereof, and part on the other, in which case each shall pay in proportion to the part he shall or may hold.

Power grant-
ed to cut, &c.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said directors, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority at any time thereafter, to cut, open and complete the said ditch or drain, and also from time to time, to repair, cleanse, and keep open and in good repair the said ditch or drain so to be opened and cut in virtue of this act, at the expense of the said proprietors, in the same proportion that the expense of opening and cutting the said ditch or drain in the first instance, and of repairing and cleansing the same when cut and opened; the said directors, or any two of them, are hereby authorised to apportion what they may conceive the expense thereof will amount to, and demand and re-