

JOS. KENT, ESQ. GOVERNOR.

Dec 25 1826. as provided by the act to which this is a supplement; and that the following persons, to wit: Hugh M' Eldery, Nathan Tyson, Frederick Shaffer, Talbot Jones and John Welch, are hereby appointed directors of said company, and shall, in conjunction with those now elected, execute all powers granted by the act to which this is a supplement, until the next annual election; *Provided nevertheless*, that nothing in this act contained, shall have any effect or operation in law to alter, change or abolish any part of the act to which this is a supplement, unless the same shall be approved of by a majority of the members of the said company.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 19.

Passed Jan. 29, 1826. An act to extend the time of taking the bond of William Williams, Sheriff of Saint Mary's County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS William Williams, sheriff of Saint Mary's county, has been prevented by the absence from the county of the associate judge of that judicial district, from executing his sheriff's bond within the time prescribed by law, and having the same attested by the associate judge as the law requires: Therefore,

Bond authorized.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chief judge of Saint Mary's county court, or any one of the associate judges be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take the bond of William Williams, sheriff of Saint Mary's county, and approved of the securities, on or before the twenty-fifth day of February next, in the same manner and form as is prescribed by law, which said bond, when so taken as aforesaid, and recorded according to law, shall have the same effect, validity and operation to every intent and purpose as if the same had been taken within the time now prescribed by law.

CHAPTER 20.

Passed Jan. 29, 1826. An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of Justices of the Peace in this state.

Preamble.

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the validity of the proceedings of justices of the peace in this state, in consequence of their not having qualified and subscribed the oath prescribed by the constitution as altered by the act of eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and confirmed in eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

And whereas, much injury may result to the people of this state in consequence of the neglect on the part of said officers, to take and subscribe said oath, which omission may be a fruit-