

JOSEPH KENT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR

CHAPTER 199.

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Passed March 8, 1826.

A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco without having a licence for that purpose, from a justice of the peace.

Penalty for purchasing tobacco without certificate

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any person to purchase of any free negro or mulatto, any quantity of tobacco in transfer or parcels, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by indictment in the county court of the county where such person purchasing the same may reside, one half shall go to the informer, and the other half to the county, unless the free negro or mulatto, selling the same shall, at the time of offering the said tobacco for sale, produce a certificate from a justice of the peace of the county, certifying the quantity and quality thereof.

Justice of peace instructed.

2. *And be it enacted,* That no justice of the peace shall give any certificate to any free negro or mulatto, unless the said free negro or mulatto, (as the case may be,) shall prove by one or more respectable citizens of the neighbourhood where he, she, or they may reside, that the tobacco was made by such free negro or mulatto, or honestly acquired.

Fee for certificate.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the peace, granting such certificates to charge and receive for the same, the sum of twenty-five cents.

CHAPTER 200.

Passed March 8, 1826.

Commissioners to open books.

An act to incorporate the Susquehannah and Patapsco Canal Company.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William Patterson, William Lorman, John M'Kim, Solomon Etting, Charles S. Sewell, William Stewart, Isaac M'Kim, George Winchester, John Hollins, John Patterson, James L. Hawkins, William Gilmor, Benjamin C. Howard, David Burke, Alexander C. Bullit, John S. Tyson, James M'Culloh and John Archer, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them shall cause books to be opened at such times and places as they may deem advisable, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the company hereinafter incorporated; notice having been given as the said commissioners may deem expedient, of the times and places of opening the said books, and to continue the said books open from time to time, so long and as often as they shall find necessary to complete such subscription.

Capital \$2,500,000— shares \$100; graduation

2. *And be it enacted,* That the capital stock of the said company shall be two millions five hundred thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each; and the corporation of the city of Baltimore, and any other corporation or individual in this