

and other instruments, and in administering oaths and affirmations under their said appointments, shall be confirmed, and are hereby held and made legal and operative, as fully as if the said Jones and Hunter had been duly appointed and confirmed justices of the peace for Baltimore county, and had taken and subscribed the oath of office as such, and were residents therein.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from its passage. In force.

## CHAPTER 114.

AN ACT relative to Juries to serve in the Courts of Baltimore city, and repealing certain exemptions from such service. Passed April 7, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Baltimore, and between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-five, shall be bound when summoned, to serve on juries sitting in the courts of said city, except those who are infirm in body or in mind, ministers of the gospel, practitioners of law, practitioners of medicine, teachers of day schools, officers of the General Government, civil officers of the State, executive officers of the said city and members of the General Assembly and of the city council, when severally in session. Citizens bound to serve on juries.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the court, on application, may excuse such as are suffering under family afflictions, or are under a necessity of speedily going abroad, but pressure of engagements, whether of business or of pleasure, is not to be deemed a sufficient justification for being relieved from jury service. Court may excuse.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the act entitled, a further additional supplement to the act entitled, an act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one hundred and eighty-eight, passed at the session of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter three hundred and forty-nine, and the third section of the act entitled, an act to incorporate Acts repealed