

## CHAPTER 223.

Passed May  
18, 1853.

AN ACT to continue in force until the first day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, the act passed at the last session, chapter three hundred and sixteen, entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of a commissioner to take testimony to provide for the recording of copies of wills and other papers of which the originals were lost by the burning of the court house in Dorchester county, and to remedy as far as practicable the evils likely to ensue from the destruction of the records of said county.

Re-enacted.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act passed at the last session, chapter three hundred and sixteen, entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of a commissioner to take testimony, to provide for the recording of copies of wills and other papers of which the originals were lost by the burning of the court house in Dorchester county, and to remedy as far as practicable the evils likely to ensue from the destruction of the records of said county, be and the same is hereby re-enacted, and continued in full force until the first day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

## CHAPTER 224.

Passed May  
18, 1853.

AN ACT to make valid the acts of Thomas Bay, a justice of the peace, in and for Harford county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Thomas Bay, a justice of the peace, duly appointed in and for Harford county, did continue to discharge the duties of magistrate after his election and qualification as judge of the orphans court of said county; *And whereas,* great injustice and inconvenience might ensue to parties interested; Therefore,

Acts valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the acts of Thomas Bay, as justice of the peace in and for Harford county, during the time he discharged the duties of judge of the orphans' court, and magistrate, be and they are hereby declared to be as