

CHAPTER 290.

Passed May 26, 1853. AN ACT to incorporate the Church Creek Wharf Company, at Church Creek, in Dorchester county.

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Amos Bowdle, Thomas Willis, Zacharia W. Linthicum, William Mace, Thomas Mace, John R. Martin, John R. Keen, Josiah Todd, Thomas L. E. Carroll, Thomas C. Jones, John Byus, senior, John Byus, junior, and their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Church Creek Wharf Company, and by that name may have succession, and shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any court of law or equity in this State, and to make and use a common seal to ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations as shall be necessary and convenient for conducting the affairs of said corporation, not contrary to law.

Capital stock. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the capital stock of said company shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, to be divided into shares of ten dollars each.

Election of president and directors. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That for the management of the affairs of the company, the stockholders shall elect a president and not over five directors, to manage the affairs for one year, or until their successors shall be elected, a majority of whom shall form a quorum or board for the transaction of business.

Stock. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the stock of the company shall deemed personal estate.

Tolls. SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the company shall have full power and authority to levy, charge and collect from all vessels of every description whatsoever, using said wharf, the same reasonable tolls or wharfage that may now be sanctioned by law or usage in this State, and in the same manner, and to be collected as other small debts are; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to effect the rights of private or public property.

Banking forbid. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as granting banking privileges to said company or exempting their property from taxation.