

CHAPTER 440.

Passed May 31, 1853. AN ACT to make valid the official acts of such persons

as were Commissioners under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, and who were not appointed under the amendatory act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter one hundred and six.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, By the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter one hundred and six, amendatory of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, all commissions issued to commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing, under seal, out of this State, were continued in force until the first Monday in May last past, and until their successors should be appointed and duly qualified; *And whereas*, by virtue of the said amendatory act, certain persons were appointed and duly qualified as successors under the original act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven; *And whereas*, on account of the records of the Executive Department not showing the residences of those persons who had been appointed under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, said persons could not be notified of the fact of their being re-appointed, or superceded; *And whereas*, all persons holding commissions under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, were not commissioned under the amendatory act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter one hundred and six; *And whereas*, such persons regularly commissioned and qualified under the original act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, may, since the passage of the amendatory act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter one hundred and six, and since its being carried into force have acted under their original commissions; Therefore,

Made valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all official acts of such persons as have been described in the foregoing preamble, as having been appointed and qualified under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, be, and the same are hereby declared and made valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, as if they had been done under the provisions of the amendatory act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter one hundred and six.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.