

Chapter 50.

AN ACT to render valid the official acts of Thomas Melvin as justice of the peace in and for the third election district of Caroline county.

WHEREAS it has been reported to this General Assembly that Thomas Melvin was appointed a justice of the peace in and for the third election district of Caroline county, and that he duly qualified by taking the oath of office on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and continued therefore to perform the duties of said office; and whereas, the said Thomas Melvin, Esq., was afterwards reappointed to the same office in eighteen hundred and eighty, but failed thereafter to take the oath of office as prescribed by law, but notwithstanding such failure continued and still continues to discharge the duties of said office; and whereas, doubts are entertained as to the validity of his official acts since his said reappointment and failure to qualify as aforesaid—

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the official acts done and performed by said Thomas Melvin, Esquire, since his said reappointment in eighteen hundred and eighty, be and the same are hereby declared to be valid and lawful in the same manner as if he had, after his said reappointment, duly taken the oath of office prescribed by the constitution and laws.

Valid and lawful.

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

Effective.

Approved March 21, 1882.