

the said levy court, stock of the said company, to the amount of the expenses incurred by the levy court aforesaid. CHAP. 193.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the United States and the state of Maryland to become stockholders in the said company. State may become a stockholder

3. *And be it enacted*, That if the said company shall not within ten years after the passing of this act, complete the said road, it shall be lawful for the legislature of this state to resume all the rights, privileges and liberties, granted by this supplement to said company. If road is not completed in ten years, legislature to resume rights, &c

CHAP. CXCIV.

A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying Executions, and for repealing the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned. Passed Mar: 6 1827

WHEREAS many justices of the peace within this state have not written out in the very words, and pursued the precise form, now required by law, in the taking of supersedeas, for superseding judgments and decrees obtained in the courts of law and equity in this state, whereby plaintiffs may lose, for mere matter of form, their just claims intended to be secured by such supersedeas; Therefore, Preamble

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in all cases where judgments have been, or may hereafter be obtained, in any court of law in this state, or where any decree has been or may hereafter be obtained in the court of chancery, or any county court sitting as a court of equity, and the same has been, or may hereafter be, superseded by way of confession of judgment under the act of assembly, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and for repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and the supplements thereto, and such confession of judgment, by way of supersedeas, is not in the precise form and language required by said act, and its supplements, nor for the amount for which the judgment may have been rendered, but only for the sum actually due, and costs, the same shall be as valid and binding as if the said supersedeas had been taken in the words and form required by said law; provided that the form of the confession of judgment, by way of supersedeas in said law, has been or shall be substantially complied with. Judgments or decrees superseded and not in precise form required, to be valid

2. *And be it enacted*, That the time mentioned in any such confession of judgment, although not so expressed, or if otherwise expressed, shall be computed, if entered into within two months from the time of the rendition of the judgment or decree, six months from the time of such confession, and not six months from the date of the judgment; and any such confession of judgment shall be as binding upon the principal, and the sureties therein, as if any such confession of judgment, by way of supersedeas, had been in the manner directed by law. Confession of judgment to be binding, although time not expressed

3. *And be it enacted*, That any confession of judgment entered into in the manner prescribed by law, shall be a lien on the real estate of the persons therein named, in the same manner as judgments rendered in any court of law, from the time