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CHAPTER 199.

Enacted March 13
1828

An act for the protection of sheep in the several counties of this state, and for other purposes.

Preamble

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that the inhabitants of the several counties in this state, sustain immense loss in the destruction of their sheep by dogs; and whereas it is right and proper that every encouragement should be extended to the owners of this valuable animal for their preservation—Therefore,

Authority to kill
dogs

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That if after the passage of this act, any dog or dogs shall be detected in killing or injuring sheep, and the same shall be proved by oath or affirmation, before a justice of the peace, that upon complaint to the owner or owners of said dog or dogs, he shall proceed forthwith to kill said dog, and on refusal to do so, he shall be liable to pay to the owner of said sheep, double the value of the same, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the state of Maryland, with costs, in the manner now prescribed for the recovery of small debts out of court.

Sheep exempt
from taxation.

SEC 2. *And be it enacted,* That all sheep belonging to the citizens of this state, be free from taxation for the term of five years from and after the passage of this act.

CHAPTER 200.

Passed March 15,
1828.

An act to incorporate the Port Deposit and Chesapeake Turnpike Road Company.

Commissioners to
open books for sub-
scription.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George Gale, Elisha Reynolds, Thomas L. Savin, George A. Thomas and Enoch Cloud, are hereby appointed commissioners, and any two or more of them, are authorised at such times and places, and after such notice as they shall deem sufficient, to open books and receive subscriptions for stock in the Port Deposit and Chesapeake Turnpike Road Company, in shares of twenty five dollars, on each of which shares one dollar shall be paid to the said commissioners at the time of subscribing, and the said commissioners may continue the said books open from day to day for ten days, or until four hundred shares of the said stock shall be subscribed, and as soon as one hundred and fifty shares or more of the said stock shall be subscribed, the said commissioners or a majority of them shall appoint a day, and give ten days notice thereof by advertisement in one or more newspapers, for the subscribers for said stock to meet at Port Deposit, and elect by a plurality of votes of those who shall attend in person or by proxy, five managers from among the said stockholders to conduct and manage the business of said stockholders, as a company until the next election; and at such election the said

Elect 5 managers.