Proceedings ratified.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the proceedings of Robert W. Adams, Levin E. Bowland and Thomas Williams, under a commission issued to them by the county commissioners of Somerset county to lay off a tax ditch in said Somerset county, and known as the Turkey Branch tax ditch, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed as fully to all intents and purposes as though the said Thomas Williams, one of the said commissioners, were a freeholder as required by the General Laws of this state.

Effective.

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

Approved February 17, 1888.

## Chapter 29.

AN ACT to add seven additional sections to be known as sections two hundred and sixty-three, two hundred and sixty-four, two hundred and sixty-five, two hundred and sixty-six, two hundred and sixty-seven, two hundred and sixty-eight, and two hundred and sixty-nine, to article ten of the Code of Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," to provide for the better protection of partridges, woodcock and rabbits, in said county.

Not to shoot, catch, kill, &c.

SECTION 263. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no person shall shoot, or in any manner catch, kill, or have in possession, any partridge between the first day of February, said day included, and the twentieth day of October next ensuing, in each and every year; nor any woodcock, between the first day of February and the fifteenth day of June; nor any rabbit, between the fifteenth day of January and the twentieth day of October; nor shall any person trap, destroy or molest the eggs or nests of any of the said birds at any time.