

take to the hurting or hindrance of any person either purchaser or seller of any article of manufactured silver to be assayed, and will true account make of all acts done by me in virtue of my office as assayer, whenever I shall be required so to do by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, so help me God."

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Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and penalties incurred under the provisions of this act shall be recovered before a Justice of the Peace, as small debts are recoverable, in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the one half thereof to the said Mayor and City Council for the use of the City, and the other half for the use of the informer.

Fines recoverable and applied

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall operate or be construed to extend to those who do not deal in silver ware, plate or manufacture thereof, as a means of traffic in the way of trade and merchandise.

Only dealers in silver liable

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the informer in all cases arising under this act shall be a competent witness to prove the same

Informer a witness

CHAPTER 54.

*An act to Incorporate the Black Water and Parson's Creek Canal Company, in Dorchester County.*

Passed Feb 5, 1826

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Brohawn, Robert Tubman, Joseph Stewart, Levin Wolford, Charles Tubman, Anthony Thompson and Samuel Brohawn, or such of them as will consent to act, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall cause books to be opened at such times and places as they may deem advisable, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the company, to be incorporated by the provisions of this act; notice having been given, as the said commissioners may deem expedient, of the time and place of opening the said books, and continue the same open from time to time, so long and as often as they find necessary to complete such subscriptions.

Commissioners to open books.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted*, That the capital stock of the said company shall be five thousand dollars, in shares of ten dollars each; and all individuals and bodies politic and corporate are hereby authorised and empowered to subscribe for such amount of said stock, as they may think proper: *Provided nevertheless*, that if the subscription shall exceed the amount required and authorised by this act, the commissioners shall regulate the same in such manner as to effect a just apportionment of the stock among the subscribers; and provided also, that at the time of making the subscription to the said capital stock, there shall be paid to the said commissioners upon each

Capital—share—apportionment—payment

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