

CHAP. 245.

CHAPTER 244.

Passed Feb. 24, 1842. *An act to divorce Elizabeth N. Hearn, of Worcester County, from her husband James R. Hearn.*

Divorced. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Elizabeth N. Hearn, of Worcester county, be and she is hereby divorced from her husband James R. Hearn, a vinculo matrimonii.

Maiden name SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Elizabeth N. Hearn, shall henceforth be called and know by her maiden name Elizabeth N. Lindsey, and shall be able to contract and be contracted with in all respects, as if she had not been married to the said James R. Hearn.

CHAPTER 245.

Passed Feb. 23, 1842. *An act for the better regulation of Fences, in Somerset County, and for other purposes.*

Commissioners of levy court to appoint. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Somerset county, or levy court of said county as the case may be, to appoint three discreet persons for each election district of said county acquainted with agriculture, to act as judges in case of complaint being made by either party where depredations have been committed by stock of any description upon his or her premises, or if the owner or owners of any stock, should make complaint to the judges, or a majority of them, it shall be their duty to repair to the place designated by the person complaining, and then and there to judge of the case; in case of the stock being injured the aforesaid judges may award damages to the owner of said stock, if in their opinion the person so injuring the stock has not got and kept a sufficient fence to bar off such stock; the fence to be made of the usual materials of the neighbourhood.

Judges to assess damages. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid judges or a majority of them, shall assess damages for either party, as the case may be, the party for keeping any indifferent fence so as to induce his neighbours stock to commit depredations, or in case of sufficient fence they may assess damages against the owner of trespassing stock, the said judges may make an award for damages and their own attendance,

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