as they shall fix, conditioned for the faithful performance of CHAP. 286. his duty as treasurer, and he shall receive and pay away monies according to the ordinances passed by said commissioners or a majority of them.

SEC. 13. And be it enacted, That said corporation shall Banking fornot at any time be allowed to issue any note, certificate or bid

other device, to be circulated as currency.

SEC. 14. And be it enacted, That this act shall inure for thirty years thirty years, unless sooner repealed by the General Assem-

CHAPTER 285.

An act for the relief of Stephen Whales a free man of Passed March color, of Dorchester County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Made valid That the lease executed by Eve Fletcher, a free woman of color, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty-one, to Stephen Whales for ninety-nine years, renewable forever, and recorded among the land records of Dorchester county aforesaid, signed by the said Eve Fletcher, without a seal, and witnessed by Samuel Abbot, a justice of the peace, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and shall have the same effect in law and equity as though the same had been signed under seal, and acknowledged before two justices of the peace, any law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. any wise notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER 286.

An act to preserve the breed of Fish in the waters of the Passed March Chesapeake Bay and for other purposes.

It having been fully represented by petition in writing Preamble that the placing of stakes on piles and attaching of seines or nets thereto, in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, has been carried to an extent seriously conflicting with public and individual interest by obstructing the navigation thereof, and preventing the passage of fish to shoal water, where nature intended they should propogate their species—therefore,

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