

CHAP. 150. and he is hereby divorced from his wife Rachel Personett, *a vinculo matrimonii*.

CHAPTER 150.

Passed Mar. 6, 1839. *An act for draining part of a Branch at the head of South East Creek, lying in Queen Anne's County.*

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to the General Assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants, that they are possessed of part of a valuable branch called South East Branch, lying in Queen Anne's county, and as there is good reason to believe that great advantage might be derived, as well to the public as the proprietors; *And whereas*, it appears, to this General Assembly, that it will be of public utility to extend the aid of the Legislature in order to effect so good a purpose;— Therefore,

Directors named

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Valentine W. Devorix, James Merrick, William S. Reed, William Clayton, Levi Baxter, James S. Baxter, and John Betts, be and they are

Objects defined

hereby appointed directors, and are hereby authorized and empowered, or a majority of them, to make and open a drain or ditch, down said branch, beginning at James Merrick's farm, where Francis Davis, now, or did reside, until it shall intersect the main road leading from Colgan's cross roads to Church Hill, in such direction and of such width and depth, as they or a majority of them may judge most proper to convey the water from said branch, and reduce the same to dry land, and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, or a majority of them, to meet on the first Monday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and forty one, or at any day previous to said day that said directors may unanimously agree on, and on the first Monday of April, in each and every year thereafter, at any place, or at any time or times, which may be agreed on by the said directors, or a majority of them, for the transaction of business.

Met to organize

Annual meeting

Expense of cutting how paid

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the cost, charges and expenses of cutting and opening said ditch or drain, shall be paid by the respective proprietors of the same,