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the general assembly which shall be thereafter, and this assembly, willing to encourage measures of public utility, by promoting the private interest of those who engage in them, are willing further to prolong the term therein granted, but apprehensive that the causes of public injury may unperceived exist in acts incorporating individuals for undertakings where private interest may contend with the public, and the inconveniencies be detected by experience only; therefore, while it leaves to each following legislature its own independent powers, thinks proper to declare, that no perpetuity ought to be granted to companies thus created, where the faith of the legislature may be pleaded against removal of future grievances, and occasion an appearance of legislative violence, when compelled to remedy, by a future act, the mischiefs arising from a former, and deeming that in any case corporations formed by them may properly and justly depend on their equity for renewal of the grants at first made, when they conduce to general benefit, which is the condition of their creation; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the time limited by the act aforesaid be extended to the term of thirty years, and in case of any purchase made by the corporation of Baltimore, which they are hereby authorised to make of the said company, with their consent, at or before the said term of thirty years shall expire, of the rights conferred by this and the original act, a full and fair compensation shall be allowed to the said company for all their property, works and machinery, of every kind, to be adjudged and valued by twelve indifferent persons, of whom the company shall choose one half, and the mayor and city council the other.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the water company aforesaid shall insert, or grant permission to the corporation of Baltimore to insert, and repair at the expence of the city, such a number of fire plugs as to them shall appear necessary, into the pipes used to convey the water through the streets thereof, to be used only in case of fire, but free from any charge for a supply of water.

VI. AND, whereas by the said original act it is enacted, that the said corporation should meet on the first Monday in May then next, which they did not do according to the directions thereof, BE IT ENACTED, *by this General Assembly*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to meet on the first Monday in May next, in the city of Baltimore, and as often thereafter as the said corporation may adjudge convenient and necessary, and carry into effect the provisions of the said original act, in the same manner as they might have done if they had met at the period prescribed thereby, and also to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

C H A P. XLV.

An ACT for the support of Solomon Jones and wife.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

WHEREAS Solomon Jones, of Dorchester county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he has spent many of his younger years in the military service of his country, and is now upwards of seventy-three years of age, having a wife nearly the same, and both of them very infirm, so as not to be able to obtain a livelihood by their labour, he therefore prays that an act may pass to provide for the support of said Solomon Jones and wife out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in said petition appearing true, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court of Dorchester county shall and they are hereby empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of thirty dollars to each of them, for the support and maintenance of the said Solomon Jones and wife.

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An ACT to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cæcil county.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lancaster county, in Pennsylvania, and of Cæcil county, Maryland, that a road leading from the warehouse at the north end of the Susquehanna canal to the Pennsylvania line, where the lands late of Alexander Ewing, deceased, are situated on said line, would be of great public utility and advantage; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Robert Love, Jacob Conrad, junior, and Andrew Dunbarr, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expence of such persons as may think proper to contribute thereto, a road, not exceeding thirty feet in width, in the straightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit of, from the warehouse aforesaid to that part of Alexander Ewing's land