

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the authority hereby given, shall continue until the first day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and no longer, and that this act shall take effect from its passage.

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Continue until 1847.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That before the said John C. Bryan shall be authorised to collect, under and by virtue of this act, he shall first obtain the written assent of the administrator and the securities of the said Thomas W. DeCoursey, and file the same with the clerk of Queen Anne's county court to be kept in his office.

Written assent of administrator.

CHAPTER 214.

An act ceding to the United States jurisdiction in, to and over Soller's Point Flats, in the Patapsco river, whenever the United States shall acquire the title to the same from the owner or owners thereof.

Passed Mar. 2, 1846.

WHEREAS, the United States Government in contemplation the erection of fortifications on Soller's Point Flats, in the Patapsco river, which would add greatly to the defence and security of the city of Baltimore, and the United States Government wish the cession of jurisdiction before the erection of any such fortifications; and whereas, it has been represented by Augustine Taney, a citizen of this State, that he is the owner of the said Flats, and this General Assembly are unwilling to pass any act which might injure or prejudice the rights of any of the citizens of this State—therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the consent of this State be, and the same is hereby given to the United States, to erect works of fortification on Soller's Point Flats, in the Patapsco river, and that the right of jurisdiction is hereby ceded to the United States over any works of fortification that may be erected by them on the said Soller's Point Flats, in the Patapsco river, the said jurisdiction to extend in all directions one-fourth of a mile beyond any part of the said works and their appendages; *provided however*, that this act shall be inoperative and of no effect, until the United States Government shall have acquired the title to the said Soller's Point Flats from the owner or owners thereof.

Consent given to erect fortifications.

Proviso.