

attachment now pending in, or that shall hereafter issue out of any of the courts of this State against the lands, goods and chattels, &c., of any non-resident or absconding debtor, shall be abated, quashed or dismissed by reason of the omission or misspelling of the Christian name or names of any such non-resident or absconding debtor; but the court shall allow any such writ of attachment to be amended at any time before or after plea in abatement, or motion to quash or dismiss may be filed; *provided*, the court are satisfied by the oath of the plaintiff or other testimony, that the lands, goods or chattels seized, taken or levied upon at the time of such seizure or levy, were the lands, goods or chattels of the non-resident or absconding debtor, against whose lands, goods and chattels the attachment was sued forth and intended thereby to be taken.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 55.

*An act for the incorporation of the Potomac Transportation Company.*

Passed Feb. 4, 1846.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, that the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to Cumberland, and the opening of the coal and iron mines in that neighborhood will greatly increase the trade on the canal and railroad, and create a demand for canal boats and ships for the transportation of the produce of the mines and other articles of commerce, which cannot well be supplied by individual enterprise, and that the consequent high prices of freights will operate against the interests of this State by diminishing the business to be done on the railroad and canal, and that there are persons of capital willing to invest their funds in a company for the purpose of supplying the requisite canal boats and ships, if they can obtain an act of incorporation, with appropriate privileges—therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the persons who may become the owners of the shares herein authorised to be created, be and they are hereby created a body corporate in fact and in law, by the name of the Potomac Transportation Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and

Corporate powers.