

CHAP. 249. tributions of the property of the said corporation among those indebted to the same.

Not to affect rights of minors. SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to effect the rights of minors who may have an interest in the property known as the Antietam Iron Works.

CHAPTER 248.

Passed March 9, 1848. *An act entitled, an act for the protection of the Tobacco Growers of Maryland.*

Inspectors to brand. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the inspectors of tobacco in this State to brand with a hot iron every hogshead of tobacco inspected by them, with the name of the State wherein the tobacco is raised.

Penalty for defacing or false branding. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall rub out or deface any brand on any hogshead of tobacco as aforesaid with a view of changing the same, or shall falsely mark or brand any hogshead of tobacco in this State contrary to the provisions of the first section of this act, he, she or they so offending upon conviction thereof shall suffer a confinement in the Penitentiary for a term not less than six months nor more than two years, in the discretion of the judge or judges before whom he, she or they may or shall be convicted.

Inconsistent acts repealed. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 249.

Passed March 9, 1848. *An act to provide for the appointment of an Agricultural Chemist for the State.*

Governor to appoint. SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall hereafter annually appoint and commission a person of ability, integrity and suitable practical and scientific attainments as Agricultural

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