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annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid as the salaries of other civil officers are, or may be paid, and for the purchase of chemical implements and materials the said Chemist shall be allowed for the first year the sum of two hundred dollars in advance, and on each succeeding year a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, out of such monies as may be in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated.

CHAPTER 250

Passed March 9, 1848.

A further supplement to an act concerning the draining of swamps and low grounds, by the laying out and opening of public ditches in Worcester, Queen Anne's and Dorchester counties, passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and seventy-eight.

May amend petitions before final decision.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever in any proceedings which has been or may hereafter be commenced by any person or persons under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, it shall and may be lawful for the county commissioners, levy court or county court, as the case may be, of the county in which said proceedings shall have been or may hereafter be commenced, or may be pending at any time before a final decision is made by said county commissioners, levy court or county court, as the case may be, upon the application of either party to said proceeding to grant leave in their discretion to said party to amend the petition, or any part whatever of said proceedings thereunder that shall or may be discovered to be defective or informal, so as to bring the true merits of the case fairly before said county commissioners, levy court, county court or jury for trial.

Award costs according to equity.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the county commissioners, levy court or county court, as the case may be, granting such amendment, shall have power to award cost in their discretion in all such cases, according to the equity and right of the matter.

Governor to appoint.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That for the faithful discharge of his duty the said Chemist shall receive the...