

CHAPTER 321.

CHAP. 322.

AN ACT for the Relief of John Richardson, the late Sheriff of Dorchester county, and to provide Remedies for the loss of Fee Bills and other Papers, lost by the late burning of the Court House, in said county. Passed May 29, 1852.

WHEREAS, by the burning of the court house, in Dorchester county, the fee bills, or many of them, of various officers, which had been placed in the hands of John Richardson, late sheriff of Dorchester county, for collection according to law, were destroyed, and it is proper to remedy, as far as possible, the inconvenience and injury to which he might thereby be exposed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the accounts for officers fees, as posted in the books of John Richardson, late sheriff of Dorchester county, be, and the same are hereby made prima facie evidence of the correctness of such accounts; *Provided,* the said sheriff shall prove the same, in the manner provided by law for the probat of accounts.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said sheriff shall have full power and authority to collect the said fees, in the same manner as now provided by law, without the necessity of delivering the fee bills to the parties, against whom they were sent out; *Provided,* that whenever requested by said parties, he shall deliver to them a copy from his books, of the accounts of fees, as posted and proved by him.

CHAPTER 322.

AN ACT to authorise the formation of Corporations for Mining purposes. Passed May 28, 1852.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at any time hereafter, any five or more free white persons, some of whom shall be citizens of this State, of legal age, who may desire to form a company for the purpose of carrying on any kind of mining business, may make, sign, and acknowledge,