

to said company at par in payment of said stock or loan, the amount thereof to be appropriated by said company in such manner as the said mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore may direct, or instead of such loan the said mayor and city council are hereby authorised to make such disposition of the stock heretofore subscribed by the corporation of the city of Baltimore in the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company, and also of the debt heretofore contracted by the said company to the city of Baltimore as the said mayor and city council may judge conducive to the public interest, and also to give their assent to any proceedings that may be considered advisable for making said stock and debt or any part thereof available for the completion of the road of the said consolidated company to Sunbury or to tide water.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 261.

AN ACT for the relief of William Seymore, a free negro in Talbot county.

Passed
Mar. 10, 1854.

WHEREAS, William Seymore a free negro came from the Eastern shore of Virginia, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, in the employment of a captain of a vessel, owned then and commanded by said owner, engaged in running wood from Talbot county for some years; and whereas, said free negro after the owner and commander of said vessel quit running her from that county, remained in Talbot county, and has been residing there ever since engaged in the constant service of residents of said county; and whereas, the good character of said free negro is certified to by number of respectable citizens of said county, and lately an effort is about to