

years or to manmit and set free, as they shall deem most expedient any or all of the negro slaves now belonging to said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said Commissioners shall make sale of any or all of said negro slaves, they shall place the proceeds of such sale or sales to the credit of said county, to be applied to defraying the annual expenses of said county. Proceeds applied.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

CHAPTER 92.

AN ACT amendatory of the act entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company," passed January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-three. Passed Mar 6, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be necessary to complete the railroad authorised to be constructed by the act to which this is amendatory, to Hagerstown, as provided in the thirteenth section of said act, before any dividends of the net profits arising from the business of said company shall be declared, and distribution thereof made amongst the stockholders; but that if in the progress of the construction of said railroad to the aforesaid point of completion, the President and Directors of the said company shall think proper to equip for service any completed part thereof, they are hereby authorised to do so, and to distribute the net earnings or profits (or so much thereof as they may think proper to distribute) arising from the transportation and business done upon such completed part, amongst the stockholders in dividends to be declared annually or semi-annually at their discretion, and that no part of the aforesaid net earnings or profits shall be applied to the construction of the further or other portions of the contemplated railroad aforesaid, unless the President and Directors shall deem it best for the interests of the President and Directors authorised.