

with the laws of this State regulating the execution and acknowledgement of mortgages.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That unless the said Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, shall signify to the Governor of this State, by an instrument of writing under the corporate seal of the said company within one year from the passage of this act, its acceptance thereof, then this act shall be void.

Company to signify its acceptance of act.

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

In force.

CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT to amend an act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter four hundred and nine, entitled an act requiring new bonds to be given by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, by the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and by the Register of Wills of Baltimore City.

Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

WHEREAS, by the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter four hundred and nine, entitled an act requiring new bonds to be given by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, by the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and by the Register of Wills of Baltimore City, the period of the duration of said bonds is not declared, nor is there any provision for a renewal of the same; and whereas, the object of requiring bonds from public servants invested with high and important trusts, and who receive large amounts of public moneys, is to insure a faithful performance of duties, and afford a safeguard to the community and State against neglect and malversation, the bond should always be ample for the penalty; and whereas, it is manifestly proper that some provision should be made whereby the sufficiency of sureties and bonds so given may from time to time be attested; therefore,

Preamble.