

they may think just and proper, not exceeding ten per centum.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the tenth section of said act which makes it imperative upon the sheriff of the said county to fully pay and account to the treasurer of said county for the arrearages of taxes which shall have been placed in his hands on or before the fifteenth of July in each and every year, be and the same is hereby repealed in so far as the same refers to the time of paying to and accounting to the treasurer of said county for the said taxes in arrear, and the time for such payment is hereby prolonged and extended to the first day of December in each and every year.

Time for sheriff to pay up extended.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of said county, in settling with Pleasant Hunter, the former sheriff of said county, for the collection of the taxes in arrear placed in his hands, shall allow to the said Pleasant Hunter, the benefit of the first section of this act, in adjusting his commissions for the collection of such taxes in arrears.

Allowed the benefit of first section.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT to provide for the formation of corporations for the building of railroads in St. Mary's county.

Passed March 10, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whenever any seven or more free white persons, citizens of the United States, and majority of them citizens of St. Mary's county, Maryland are associated together or mean to associate together for the purpose of building railroads within the limits of said county and shall be desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law, it shall and may be lawful for such persons to prepare and execute under their hands and seals an instrument of writing specifying therein the object, articles, conditions, and

May form a corporate body for the purpose of building railroads.