

token, scrip or device, or other evidence of debt to be used as currency.

Exempted from taxation.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this company shall be exempted from all taxation, as granted to the several Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, in chapter three hundred and thirty-nine, page five hundred and twenty-four, passed January session eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Reservation.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That this act of incorporation shall inure for twenty years from the date of its passage and until the end of the next session of the Legislature thereafter, and that the Legislature reserves to itself the right to amend or repeal said act at pleasure.

In force.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

#### CHAPTER 224.

Passed March 2, 1858.

AN ACT to make valid a deed from John Stafford and wife to Richard J. Draper.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to the General Assembly of Maryland, That John Stafford and wife, of Caroline county, by deed bearing date on the third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, deeded to Richard J. Draper, of the county aforesaid, a certain tract of land lying and being in said county, and it is further represented, that the said deed was made and executed in accordance with law, but was not recorded within the time prescribed by law ; Therefore,

Made valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the aforesaid deed, be and the same is hereby declared to be as good, valid and effectual in law, to pass the tract of land therein mentioned, as if the said deed had been duly recorded according to the acts of Assembly in such cases provided ; *Provided*, that nothing

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