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law, or according to the act of assembly or words to that effect although it does not appear that the same were made by such femes covert on private examinations, or out of the presence and hearing of their respective husbands, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be, of the same validity and effect to pass the property and estate limited and expressed therein, as if such acknowledgment had been taken and certified in the manner heretofore required by law; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall affect the decision of any suit now depending, or any case wherein a judgment hath been obtained, or when any person or persons having executed such defective deed, or those claiming under them are now in possession of the property; *Provided also*, that whenever it shall appear that there has been surprise or mistake or fraud in obtaining such deed or acknowledgment, this law shall not operate to make good such deed.

CHAPTER 72.

Passed Jan. 10, 1816. Keepers may be fined for neglects of duty.

*An additional supplement to the act to regulate public ferries.*  
SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act it shall and may be lawful for the different county courts of this state, upon the conviction of any licensed ferry-keeper for the non-performance of his duties, to fine such ferry-keeper, at their discretion, any sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, in each and every case.

CHAPTER 73.

Passed Jan. 10, 1816.

Election of commissioners.

*An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Princess Anne, in Somerset County.*

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That five judicious and discreet persons, residing in the town or precincts of Princess-Anne, shall be elected by ballot, in the month of March, eighteen hundred and sixteen, at the court house in the said town, by the free male white house keepers or heads of families, residing in the said town or precincts, or such persons holding real property therein; and the five persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of votes at the close of the election, shall be declared to be duly elected the commissioners of the said town and precincts, and shall have and exercise the several powers and authority delegated to them by this act.

Classification of the commissioners.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners so chosen shall assemble on the first Monday in April next ensuing their election, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, at the court-house in the said town, and arrange and number themselves into five classes, by lot, and the office of the commissioner of the first class shall determine at the expiration of one year after his election, the office of the commissioner of the second class at the expiration of two years, the office of the commissioner of the third class at the expiration of three years, the office of the commissioner of the fourth class at the expiration of four years, and the office of the commissioner of the fifth class at the expiration of five years; and the vacancy thus successively occasioned by the determination of their respective offices shall be supplied by the election of a judicious

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