

3. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to inhibit the general assembly of Maryland from hereafter passing a law taxing the said institution, not exceeding twenty cents *per annum* in each hundred dollars of their actual capital, if at any time it shall be deemed expedient to pass such a law.

CHAP. 86.

Legislature not inhibited from imposing a tax

CHAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to confirm and make valid the Acts and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Town of Princess-Anne, in Somerset County.

Passed Jan 28, 1820

WHEREAS the act which provided for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the said town and precincts, among other things directed, that an election for one of the commissioners should be held at the court-house in said town annually in the month of April: And whereas from some misapprehension, such an election was not held during the month of April last, as required and directed by the said act; and doubts have been entertained as to the legality of the acts and proceedings of the present commissioners; therefore,

Preamble

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all acts and proceedings which have been made and done by the commissioners of the town of Princess-Anne, subsequent to the month of April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall be valid, and shall have the same effect and operation in law, as if the said election had been held in the said month of April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Proceedings confirmed

2. *And be it enacted,* That the election for commissioners of the town of Princess-Anne, made subsequent to the month of April, be as valid as if the same had been made in the month of April, and that all the immunities and privileges which have been granted the said commissioners, by a law passed at December session eighteen hundred and fifteen, be and are contained.

Election made valid

CHAP. LXXXVIII.

A Further Supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning Crimes and Punishments.

Passed Jan 29, 1820

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any free person shall hereafter secretly and feloniously steal, take and carry away, any tobacco plants, while growing and belonging to any inhabitant of this state, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall suffer such punishment, and undergo such confinement in the penitentiary of this state, as if the said tobacco-plants had been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, after the same had been severed from the freehold.

Penalty for stealing tobacco plants

CHAP. LXXXIX.

An Act authorising and directing the Levy Court of Washington County to levy and assess a sum of money for the support of a Foundling Child.

Passed Jan 29, 18

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Washington county are hereby authorised and directed, to levy on the assessable property in said county, the sum of thirty dollars *per annum*, for six years commencing on the fourth day of July eighteen hundred and seventeen, for the support of a foundling child, and to pay the same to James Greenwell, of said county, or to his order, provided the said child lives so long, and provided the said James Greenwell continues to provide food and

Levy authorised