such allegations, of having given an undue and improper preference to any creditor or creditors, or of having fraudulently concealed any part of his property or effects; *And provided also,* that the said Henry Witmer shall cause a copy of this law to be inserted in some newspaper in Hager's-town, for three successive weeks before the next meeting of Washington county court.

CHAP. CXVI.

An Act respecting the Herding of Cattle in Allegany County.

Passed Feb 4, 1820

Preamble

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, that divers persons, not citizens of this state, are in the habit of bringing large numbers of cattle, horses and hogs, into the upper part of Allegany county, and there leaving them to graze and pasture during the summer season; therefore,

Non residents driving cattle into upper part of county to employ herdsmen

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons, not residents or citizens of this state, shall drive, or cause to be driven into the upper part of Allegany county, any black cattle, horses or hogs, and leave there for the purpose of grazing or pasturing, it shall be the duty of such person or persons, to place the said black cattle, horses or hogs, in the care, and under the superintendance and management of a herdsman or herdsmen, legally licensed as herein after directed; and it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of any such black cattle, horses or hogs, to pay to such herdsman or herdsmen, upon the delivery of such stock to his or their care, the tax herein after imposed, to be accounted for by said herdsman or herdsmen as herein after directed.

Person acting as herdsman to be licensed by a justice of the peace

2. *And be it enacted,* That before any person or persons shall act or undertake to become a herdsman, he or they shall apply to some justice of the peace of said county, for a license as such, during the term of one year, which license shall be renewed annually, and the said herdsman or herdsmen so licensed, shall annually at each and every sitting of the levy court of said county, when convened for the purpose of laying the county tax, account with and pay to the said levy court the sum of twenty-five cents for each and every head of black cattle and horses, and the sum of twelve and a half cents for each and every hog, belonging to citizens of other states, so herded by him or them, and make a statement thereof to said levy court, upon oath, of the number of black cattle, horses or hogs, so herded by him or them, and for whom herded; *Provided nevertheless,* that nothing in this act shall be construed to subject the cattle of citizens of other states, who own lands in said county, to the tax imposed by this act.

Proviso

To give bond and security

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of each and every herdsman or herdsmen, licensed under this act, to give bond and security to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of four hundred dollars, conditioned for the payment of the tax herein before imposed, to the levy court of said county, at their annual meetings aforesaid, which bond the justice of the peace granting said license is hereby required to take and judge of the sufficiency of the security to said bond, and lodge the same with the clerk of said county court, and to be by him kept, and on the payment of the tax by said herdsman or herdsmen to the said levy court, as herein before directed, the said bond or bonds to be delivered up to the obligor or obligors.