

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT for the preservation of the navigation of Dividing creek.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wears have, of late, been erected in and upon Dividing creek, in Worcester and Somerset counties, and trees have been fell in and across said Dividing creek, to the great injury of the navigation of said creek;

Passed December 24.

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all wears already made, or hereafter to be made, in said creek, and all trees now across or in said Dividing creek any where below where the tide is known to run flood, so as to stop the passage of scows or timber, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared, nuisances, and may be, by any person, taken out of said Dividing creek and destroyed as such.

Wears deemed nuisances.

III. *And be it enacted,* That no person or persons shall, after the first day of March next, put, place or make, any wear, or fall a tree or trees across or in said Dividing creek, so as to stop the passage of scows or timber, as the case may be, any where in said creek where the tide is known to run flood, under the penalty of ten pounds current money for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt in the county court of the county in which the offence may have been committed, one half to the informer, or person who will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of the county where such offence may be committed, to be applied towards the improvement of the navigation of the said creek, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

No person to put up any wear, &c.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT to confirm the title of Nathaniel Andrews and Humphrey Buckler to a lot of ground in Baltimore-town.

Passed December 24.

WHEREAS Nathaniel Andrews and Humphrey Buckler, of Baltimore county, by their petition to this general assembly, have stated, that they, together with William Cole, a citizen of this state, purchased of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, part of a lot of ground in Philpott's addition to Baltimore-town, and obtained a conveyance therefor on the twenty-third day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-five; that the said Andrews and Buckler, at the time of the execution of the said conveyance, were not naturalized, but have since become citizens of this state by taking the oaths required by law, and have prayed a confirmation of their title to the said lot of ground; and the facts stated in the said petition appearing true,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Nathaniel Andrews and Humphrey Buckler shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, competent to hold the said lot of ground, and shall stand and be seized of such estate and interest therein, under and by virtue of the said conveyance, as they would respectively have been entitled to in case they had been naturalized as citizens of this state before the execution of the said conveyance.

Title confirmed.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT to establish a bank, and incorporate the subscribers thereto.

Passed December 24.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a bank shall be established at Baltimore-town, the original capital stock whereof shall not exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of three hundred dollars; and the subscriptions towards constituting the said stock shall, on the first Monday of June next, be opened at Baltimore-town for twelve hundred and forty shares, under the superintendence of Messieurs David Steuart, William Winchester, Thorowgood Smith, William Wilson, Archibald Steuart, George Salmon, James West, Thomas Usher, junior, Henry Payson, Thomas Hollingsworth, Nicholas Rogers, Elias Ellicott, Joseph Swan, Andrew Buchanan, Solomon Etting, Charles Ghequiere, Hugh M'Curdy and Christopher Johnson; at Belle-Air, in Harford county, for one hundred and

A bank established, &c.