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who shall attend at some place in the town of Princess-Anne, of which place at least ten days notice shall be given by public advertisement, shall choose, by ballot, one president, one secretary, and one treasurer, together with seven directors, and all such other ministers and officers as the said company shall from time to time find necessary for the purpose of carrying the intention of their institution into effect, which said president, secretary, treasurer and directors, shall hold their respective offices for one year from the time of their several elections; and on the first Tuesday of May, yearly and every year thereafter, between the hours aforesaid, and at such place as shall be appointed by the said company, to choose their officers aforesaid, or such others as shall be deemed necessary by the said company, to hold their respective offices for the time limited as aforesaid; provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be considered or intended to exclude any of the said officers whose times shall be expired from being re-elected, according to the pleasure of the said company; and of the day, hours and place, of all such elections, due notice shall be given as aforesaid.

Who shall exercise power, &c.

V. **And be it enacted**, That the president and officers of said company shall be capable of exercising such power for the well governing and ordering the affairs of the society, and of holding such occasional meetings for that purpose as shall be described, fixed and determined by the statutes, laws, regulations and ordinances of the said society, hereafter to be made; provided always, that no statute, law, regulation or ordinance, shall ever be made or passed by the said company, or be binding upon the members thereof, or any of them, unless the same shall have been duly prepared and fairly drawn up in writing at one stated meeting of the company, and enacted or passed at the next meeting, to be held at least fourteen days subsequent to such former meeting, and upon due notice as aforesaid, that the enacting of statutes and laws, or the making and passing ordinances and regulations, will form a part of the business of such meeting; nor shall any statute, law, regulation or ordinance, be then, or at any time enacted or passed, unless thirteen members of said company, or such greater number of members as may be afterwards fixed by the rules of the company, be present, besides such quorum of the officers as the laws of the company for the time being may require, and unless the same be voted by two thirds of the whole body then present; all which statutes, laws, ordinances and regulations, so as aforesaid duly made, enacted and passed, shall be binding upon every member of the said company, and be from time to time inviolably observed, according to the tenor and effect thereof; and provided also they be not repugnant or contrary to the laws of this state for the time being in force.

If elections are not made, notice to be given, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That if any of the elections of the officers aforesaid should not be made on the days and times in the said act mentioned, that it shall and may be lawful for the president for the time being, or any two of the directors, to give notice of a time and place at which the said election shall be made, other than those in the said act mentioned.

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Passed January 20.

An ACT authorizing the establishment of a new ferry in Somerset county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry persons, inhabitants of that part of Somerset county called the Devil's Island, that they labour under great inconvenience for want of a ferry from the said island to the main land, and have prayed that an act might pass authorizing the county court of Somerset county to licence some fit and proper person to keep a ferry at the usual place of crossing from said island to the main land; therefore,

Justices to grant a licence, &c.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the said county court be and they are hereby authorized to grant a licence to some fit and proper person, to keep a ferry at the usual place of crossing, or any other that may be deemed more convenient, from the said island to the main, and such licence