

the securities may direct, in Centre-Ville, to be freely inspected and examined, without cost or charges, by any person or persons who shall apply for that purpose, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his, her or their account; and provided also, that the said James O'Bryon, junior, before he shall deliver the said books, memorandums and entries, to the said securities, or a majority of them, shall make oath, before a justice of the peace for Queen-Anne's county, that he the said James O'Bryon, junior, as administrator of the said Thomas O'Bryon, hath not, directly or indirectly, received any part or parcel of the money or tobacco which was due and payable to the said Thomas O'Bryon, as sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, nor any security or satisfaction for the same, more than he has credited in the said books.

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IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said securities, and the survivors of them, shall have the same commission on the collection aforesaid, as the said sheriff would have been entitled to, and that all arrearages collected in virtue of this act shall be fairly applied to the discharge of the sums due by the securities for the respective years in which the said arrearages ought by law to have been collected.

Commission allowed.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to take away or deprive the respective debtors for taxes, other public dues and officers fees, of the same remedies which they had against the original sheriff and collector, in cases where nothing is alleged to be due, or the distress or execution are illegally conducted, but the same shall exist in full force and virtue against the said securities, and each of them.

Not to take away remedies, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Pocomoke. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 428.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1796.

WHEREAS the extension of the navigation of Pocomoke river from Snow Hill to Mitchell's Bridge, and also as far as the division line of the states of Maryland and Delaware, will be of great public utility, and many persons are willing to subscribe large sums of money to effect so laudable and beneficial a work, and it being just and proper that they, their heirs and assigns, should be empowered to receive, by way of toll, satisfaction for the money advanced by them in carrying the work into execution; and the risk they run; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful to open books in Baltimore-town, the city of Annapolis, George-town, Easton, Chester-town, Cambridge, Princess-Anne-town, Snow Hill-town, Elkton, Centre-Ville, Salisbury, Denton, and a place called The Trap, in Worcester county, for receiving and entering subscriptions for the said undertaking, under the management of David M'Mechen, Alexander M'Kim and Thorowgood Smith, or either of them, at Baltimore-town; Benjamin Harwood and James Thomas, or either of them, at the city of Annapolis; William Hammond Dorsey, Gustavus Scott and Daniel Reintzel, or either of them, at George-town; David Kerr and John Erskine, or either of them, at Easton; William Barroll and William Spencer, or either of them, at Chester-town; Josiah Bayley and William Bond Martin, or either of them, at Cambridge; William Done and Ezekiel Haynie, or either of them, at Princess-Anne-town; Samuel Handy and Levin Handy, or either of them, at Snow Hill-town; Lemuel Purnell and William H. Nicholson, or either of them, at Centre-Ville; Levi Hollingsworth and William Moore, or either of them, at Elkton; Peter Dashiell and William Gantt, or either of them, at Salisbury; Joshua Driver and Thomas Boone, or either of them, at Denton; and John P. Marshall and Stephen Purnell, or either of them, at a place called The Trap, as aforesaid; which subscriptions shall be made personally, or by power of attorney, and shall be made in current money of the United States, but may be paid in foreign silver or gold coin of the same value; that the said books shall be opened for receiving subscriptions on the first day of May next, and continue open till the first day of August thereafter, and no longer, except the subscription that may be opened at Easton, as aforesaid, which, if the whole capital hereafter mentioned shall not be subscribed for at the places above mentioned, shall be kept open until the whole of the said capital shall be subscribed; and after the said first day of August, there shall be a general meeting of the subscribers personally, or by their agent or attorney, at Easton, on the Wednesday after the second Tuesday of September thereafter, of which meeting notice shall be given by the said managers, or any four of them, in one of the Baltimore and the Easton and George-town news-papers, at least one month next before the said meeting, and such meeting shall and may be continued from day to day until the business is finished; and the acting managers at the time and place aforesaid, shall lay before such of the subscribers as shall meet according to the said notice, the books by them respectively kept, containing the state of the

Books to be opened, &c.

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