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C H A P. XXXVI.

Passed December 21.

An ACT to allow the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal a further time to complete the same, and to extend the number of shares to thirty shares.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly, made and passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, it was, among other things, enacted, that the persons incorporated by the said act should begin the canal on or before the first day of October then next following, and fully complete the same, according to the directions of the said act, within seven years, and on failure or neglect to perform the same within the term aforesaid, the said act should be null and void, and of no effect: And whereas the said canal hath been begun, and progress made therein, and the same is not yet fully completed, and this general assembly being desirous of allowing the proprietors of said canal a further time for completing the same; therefore,

Proprietors allowed further time, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the proprietors of the said canal, and their successors, shall be and are hereby allowed till the first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to complete the said canal, and if the said canal shall be completed and finished on or before the said first day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, then and in that case the proprietors of the said canal, and their successors, shall be entitled to all the privileges, benefits and advantages, prescribed and enumerated in the said act for making the river Susquehanna navigable, and the supplement thereto, as fully and effectually as if the said canal had been completed within the time limited by the said original act.

Shares may be increased.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to increase their number of shares to the amount of thirty.

Any alien may purchase, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That any alien, foreigner or foreigners, may purchase in and hold a share or shares in the said corporation, in as full and ample a manner as if he or they were citizens of the state of Maryland at the time of making such purchase, and may continue to hold the same, notwithstanding his or their residence in a foreign country.

C H A P. XXXVII.

Passed December 21.

A Supplement to the act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that great injury hath arisen in foreign markets to the character of flour exported from Baltimore-town, in consequence of permitting flour to be exported under the denomination of "cross middlings," and heretofore branded Baltimore Middlings,

Inspector not to pass certain barrels, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, it shall not be lawful for the inspector of flour for Baltimore-town to pass inspection or brand any barrel containing flour (with any brand whatsoever) between the qualities known in the said original act by the name of Middlings and that known by the name of Fine.

Penalty on packing flour in barrels heretofore marked, &c.

III. *Be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall hereafter pack or remove any flour into any flour barrel which hath been heretofore marked or branded by the inspector of flour, and shall sell or export the same in such branded barrel, under such mark or brand, without having the same inspected and again marked and branded, by the inspector of Baltimore-town, previous to such sale or exportation, shall be subject to indictment in the courts of law of this state, and be sentenced, on conviction, to work and labour on the highways in Baltimore county as a criminal, not exceeding one year, or such other punishment, by whipping not exceeding