

IV. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That no person whatsoever be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that such crow or crows were killed in the county where such certificate is applied for, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this or any other act now existing for the destruction of crows, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the party bringing the same, free and clear from all charge against the person or persons making such oath, or affirmation, any thing to the contrary in any law notwithstanding.

C. H. A. P. XXII.  
First making oath, &c.

V. This act to continue until the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred.

Duration.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to incorporate the Somerset library company.

Passed January 20.  
Preamble.

WHEREAS the cultivation of useful knowledge, and the advancement of the liberal arts and sciences, in any country, have a beneficial influence in promoting the interest and happiness of mankind: And whereas many liberal minded persons of Somerset county have contributed large sums of money for the purchase of valuable books, and have formed themselves into a society, by the name of the Somerset Library Company, and prayed that a law may pass creating them a body politic and corporate for ever; therefore,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the members of the said society, heretofore voluntarily associated for promoting useful knowledge, and all others who shall hereafter become members of the said society, according to the rules and regulations of said society, and who shall in all respects conform themselves to such laws, regulations and ordinances, as shall hereafter be duly made and enacted by the said society, according to the tenor hereof, be, and for ever hereafter shall be, a body corporate and politic in deed, by the name and style of The Somerset Library Company, and by the same name they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, to have perpetual succession, and by the same name they, and their successors, are hereby declared and made able and capable in law to have, hold, receive and enjoy, lands tenements, rents, franchises, hereditaments, gifts and bequests, of what nature soever, in fee-simple, or for term of life, lives, years or otherwise, and also to give, grant, let, sell, alien or assign, the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and premises, according to the nature of the respective gifts, grants and bequests, made to them, the said company, and of their estate therein; provided that the amount of the clear yearly value of such real estate does not exceed the value of two thousand dollars in any one year.

Members incorporated, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said society be, and shall be for ever hereafter, able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any of the courts or other places, and before any judges, justices and other persons, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes and matters, of what nature or kind soever, within this state; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said company, for ever hereafter, to have and use one common seal in their affairs, and the same, at their will and pleasure, to break, change, alter and renew.

Society may sue, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the well governing the said Somerset library company, and ordering their affairs, they shall have the following officers; that to say, one president, one secretary, and one treasurer, together with seven directors; and that on the first Tuesday of May next, between the hours of ten o'clock *ante meridiem*, and five o'clock *post meridiem*, as many of the members of the said Somerset library company as shall have paid in their subscriptions to the said company, or some person authorised by them to receive the same, and

To have certain officers, &c.