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C H A P. XVI.

als or bodies corporate to remove obstructions therein at a period not exceeding three years from the first day of March, eighteen hundred.

C H A P. XVII.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water.

Number of shares may be enlarged, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal to enlarge their number of original shares at a meeting of the company, by adding thereto a number not exceeding fifty shares; and all subscribers to such shares shall and are hereby from thenceforth declared to be incorporated into said company, and to be entitled to all the rights, benefits and privileges, that the original subscribers are by virtue of the act to which this is a supplement.

Sum to be ascertained, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sum to be paid and subscribed for such augmented shares shall be ascertained by the company, at some meeting within six months from the date hereof, and the same, when subscribed, shall be collected, on default of payment, in the same manner, and by the same process, as the original shares were.

Money to be expended, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall expend on opening and clearing the bed of the river within the Maryland line the sum of five thousand dollars, within five years from the passage of this act; and upon expenditure of the same, and completing the navigation of the bed of the river as aforesaid, they shall be entitled to half tolls thereon; that is to say, to one half the sum payable on navigating the canal, to be collected in such manner as the legislature shall hereafter prescribe.

Specie loaned, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this state loan to the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal the sum of thirty thousand dollars in specie, to be paid in quarterly payments; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorized to pay the same in quarterly payments, on the said directors lodging with the governor and council bonds and security, to be approved of by them, for such sums as may be drawn in pursuance of this act, such bonds to be conditioned for the payment annually of six per cent. interest until the end of ten years, and for payment of the principal at the expiration of that period; provided, that if this loan is not accepted, and security given within twelve months, this clause of the present act shall be of no effect; and provided also, that security be given to the governor and council that the said loan shall be applied to opening the canal.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

An ACT for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the species of deer hath been very much lessened, and are likely to be extinct; for the prevention whereof, it is thought proper by this general assembly to pass an act restraining all persons whatsoever from shooting, or otherwise destroying them, for a limited time;

Deer not to be killed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, from and after the end of this session of assembly during the next three years, to kill, or otherwise destroy, any deer, under the penalty of thirty dollars current money for every deer so killed or destroyed, to be recovered in the county court of the county where the said offence shall be committed by indictment, one half of which sum shall be applied to the use of the county, and the other half shall be received by the person who shall make information thereof.

Except from Sept. 15 to Dec. 15, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the expiration of the aforesaid term of three years, no person or persons whatsoever shall shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy, any deer, except from the fifteenth of September to the fifteenth of December yearly, under the penalty aforesaid.

Persons to be considered as the killer, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons whatsoever, in whose hands or custody any deer's flesh, or deer's skin or skins shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed contrary to this act, shall be deemed, taken and adjudged, the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penal-