

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Margaretta Chalmers.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is a supplement, the right and interest of the state of Maryland in that part of the estate of James Chalmers therein described, was released to the said Margaretta Chalmers, and doubts being entertained whether the debts and claims of the creditors of the said James Chalmers are not thereby impaired: And whereas John Hayne, administrator of Gideon Hayne, hath by his petition set forth, that a part of the said property was mortgaged to the said Gideon Hayne in his life-time by the said James Chalmers, and that the claim of the representatives of the said Gideon Hayne is by the said act of assembly altered and impaired; therefore,

Not to alter rights, &c

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That nothing in the said act of assembly contained shall in anywise alter or impair the rights and claim of the representatives of the said Gideon Hayne, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, in or to the said property in the said act of assembly mentioned.

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An ACT to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, to erect a bridge across Patapsco river, at a place called Hammond's Ferry.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, that they are possessed of a ferry on Patapsco river, which hath been used and enjoyed for many years past by their predecessors, and that if proper encouragement was given, a bridge might be erected over the said river, which would greatly facilitate the intercourse to and from the city of Baltimore to many parts of the state: And whereas the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond have proposed to erect the said bridge, of a sufficient width for carriages to pass and repass at all times and seasons of the year, at their own expense, provided a law was passed enabling them to demand a certain toll from all persons passing and repassing the same; therefore,

A bridge may be built, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond shall have full power and authority to build and erect, at the place commonly called Hammond's Ferry, on Patapsco river, a bridge across the river Patapsco, which said bridge, when erected, shall be of sufficient width for all carriages to pass and repass over the same; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, and all and every person and persons claiming under them, to ask, demand and receive, for the term of twenty-eight years hereafter, as a toll or compensation for safe transportation over the said bridge, according to the following rates, to wit: For a single person, three cents; a horse and rider, twelve and a half cents; a four wheeled carriage of pleasure or burthen, if loaded, with four horses, oxen or mules, and the driver, and for each horse, oxen or mule, above the said number, eight cents, seventy-five cents; if light, fifty cents; a four wheeled carriage of pleasure or burthen, with two horses, oxen or mules, and the driver, if loaded, sixty-two and a half cents, if light, forty cents; a carriage with two wheels and one horse, twenty cents; a cart with two wheels, with two or more horses, oxen or mules, and the driver, if loaded, thirty-seven and a half cents, if light, thirty cents; horned cattle, each four cents; horses, oxen, mules and asses, each six cents; sheep and hogs, each two cents.

And a causeway made, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond, and their assigns, shall have full power and authority to make a causeway, by filling up the shoals and flats on the south side of said river to the channel thereof, provided that the said channel be kept open one hundred and thirty feet wide at least; and provided always, that it is the true intent and meaning of this act, that the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond, and all persons claiming under them, shall not be permitted, in virtue of any power vested in them by this act, to obstruct, or in any manner impede, the passing and repassing, and repassing, of any vessels of any size, description or name, up and down the said river Patapsco, but the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond, and all those claiming under them, shall be obliged to have a free passage kept open, either by a drawbridge or otherwise, for all vessels of every size or description to pass and repass through the said bridge; and provided also, that the said Margaret and Harriet Hammond, or their assigns, shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, with security to be approved of by Baltimore county court; and to be recorded in the county court of said county, to finish the said bridge within the term of three years, and keep the same in repair during the term of twenty-eight years, and to comply with terms and conditions enjoined on them by this act.