

Dec. Ses. 1816. and the balance divided among the stockholders in proportion to their respective interests therein.

— in case infant, &c. is entitled to any part, how to be paid.

3. *And be it enacted*, That in case any infant, *feme covert*, or person *non compos mentis*, shall be entitled to receive any part of the said proceeds, in such case the trustee or trustees shall pay over such proportion of the proceeds aforesaid as the said infant, *feme covert*, or person *non compos mentis*, may be entitled to, under and by the order of the orphans court of Baltimore county, to such person or persons as may be legally entitled to receive the same for and on behalf of such incompetent person.

Trustee to execute conveyance.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustee or trustees, or the survivor of them, shall upon the payment of the whole of the purchase money, execute and deliver a good and sufficient conveyance of the lot of ground, premises, improvements and appurtenances, now vested in, and held by, the trustees, on behalf of the subscribers to the Baltimore Dancing Assembly Rooms.

#### CHAPTER 192.

Passed Jan. 30 An act for the temporary relief of the Poor in the several Counties in this State.

Preamble.

WHEREAS in the course of Providential dispensation, this state has been visited by the awful calamity of a scarcity of grain, and from a similar calamity the price of grain has been greatly augmented in other countries, so as to induce a well grounded apprehension that the poorer citizens may suffer for want of this indispensable article of food : And whereas, it is the duty of all wise and good governments to mitigate the sufferings of its citizens as far as is practicable ; Therefore,

Levy for the support of the poor.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy courts of the several counties of this state be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to assemble as soon and at such time or times, as they may think requisite, and to levy such sums of money on the assessable property of their respective counties, as they may deem requisite, to grant relief to the poor of their several counties, whom they may believe to be in absolute need of such aid, by allowing to all such persons, as out-pensioners of the poor-houses of their respective counties, such sums of money, not exceeding thirty dollars each, as they may, under all circumstances, deem best calculated to relieve them from suffering.

Levy courts may borrow money.

2. *And be it enacted*, That said levy courts be and they are hereby authorised to borrow such sum as they think requisite, for the purposes aforesaid, or to appropriate any surplus or any unappropriated funds in the hands of the collectors of their respective counties to the immediate execution of the objects intended to be obtained by this act, and the several county collectors be and they are hereby directed to collect all sum or sums of money which may be levied by the levy courts by virtue of this act, in the same manner as they are or may be authorised to collect any other sum or sums of money levied by the levy courts of their respective counties.

Continuance.

3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be and continue in force until the end of the next session of the general assembly, and no longer.