

and in general for the better managing and promoting the interests of the said corporation and company, or for the improvement of the natural advantages of the lands, rights and privileges, vested in, or owned by them, in as full and ample a manner as any other corporate body within this state may or can do. Dec. Ses. 1816

7. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the president and directors to prepare and exhibit to the stockholders annually, a statement of the affairs of the company, and to make dividends of the profits of the company, at such times, and in such manner, as they, or a majority of them, shall direct. Statement to be annually exhibited to stockholders.

8. *And be it enacted,* That all the property, estate, and joint stock of said corporation, shall be bound and answerable for any contracts or engagements made, or liability incurred, by the president and directors thereof, or through their agency, or by their authority, but the stockholders shall in no wise be answerable or liable therefor, in their individual capacities or private estates; and the service of any judicial process, by any authorised officer, upon the president and directors, shall be a good service upon the corporation. Property to be answerable for engagements.

9. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said company to provide a competent teacher to instruct the children employed in their service in reading, writing and arithmetic. Teacher to be provided.

CHAPTER 238.

An act extending the benefit of the Insolvent Laws to certain persons therein mentioned. Passed Feb. 5.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the full benefit of the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, and the several supplements thereto, may be extended to the following persons, by the several county courts in which they reside; William R. Sewell, of Calvert; William P. Ridgeway, of Talbot; John B. Hanson, of Charles; Richard Stockett, of Queen-Anne's; James Lee Morgan, of Harford; Jesse Bouldin, of Cecil; Joseph J. Sterrett, William Willis, and Abraham Force, of Washington; Zachariah M'Cubbin, of Montgomery; George W. Higgins, John Deale, Samuel Wood, jun. and William Bates, of Anne-Arundel; Samuel Greenwell and Philip Greenwell, of Saint Mary's; Frederick Linthicum, of Frederick county; without being required to produce to the court the assent of creditors as required by said acts. Benefit of insolvent laws extended to certain persons.

CHAPTER 239.

An act for the relief of Samuel Thomas, of Talbot County. Passed Feb. 5.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Talbot county court is hereby authorised and directed, to extend and afford to the said Samuel Thomas the full benefit of the act of assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the several supplements thereto, without requiring of the said Samuel Thomas to produce the assent of two thirds of his creditors in amount. Benefit of insolvent laws granted.