

tices of the said levy court, conditioned for the safe keeping and delivery of the books, papers, tobacco, and other things committed to his care. Dec. Ses 1817

CHAPTER 189.

An act to alter such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government as relate to Appointments to Offices of Profit and Trust by the Governor and Council. Passed Feb 14

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* That in all appointments to be hereafter made by the executive, it shall be the duty of the governor, and he is hereby required, to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the council, appoint, all such officers as are directed to be appointed by the executive, either by the constitution or laws of this state. Governor to nominate

2. *And be it enacted,* That if this act be confirmed by the general assembly after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, according to the constitution and form of government, that in such case this alteration and amendment of the constitution and form of government, shall constitute and be valid as a part thereof, and every thing therein contained repugnant to, or inconsistent with, this alteration and amendment, shall be repealed and abolished. When confirmed to be valid

CHAPTER 190.

An act relating to the Police of the City of Baltimore.

Passed Feb 14

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of Baltimore City Court shall have and exercise exclusively hereafter, except as is excepted in the act, entitled, An act relating to the city of Baltimore, the power of appointing constables in and for that part of Baltimore county included within the limits of the city, and removing them at pleasure; and the constables so appointed shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by law, before the said court, or one of the judges thereof, and shall also give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, in such penalty and with such security as the said court shall direct and approve, which bonds shall be filed and recorded by the clerk of said court, who shall be entitled to receive from such constable one dollar for filing and recording each bond; copies of which, under the seal of office, shall be evidence in all cases whatever, and may be sued upon by any corporation or individual interested therein. City court authorised to appoint constables.

2. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully cause or procure any bull-baiting, cock-fighting or the fighting of dogs, within the city of Baltimore, or shall wilfully and wickedly kill, cripple, or commit acts of cruelty upon animals in the city aforesaid, or any of the streets, lanes or alleys thereof, every such person, and those aiding therein, shall be liable to prosecution and punishment in Baltimore City Court as for other misdemeanors, or at the election of the accused the matter may be tried before either of the judges of said court, and upon the conviction punished as aforesaid; and if the offence be committed by a slave, the court or judge before whom it shall be tried, may in lieu of other punishment order that of whipping, not exceeding thirty-nine stripes. Cruelty to animals may be punished.