

## CHAP. 186.

Seat of president, &c. to be vacated if concerned in notes, &c. at more than lawful discount or interest.

Act to be in force until expiration of the year 1835.

29. *And be it enacted.* That if the president, or any director, the cashier or any other officer of the said bank, shall be concerned, directly or indirectly, in purchasing any note or notes, bill or bills, at more than lawful discount or interest, and information thereof be given and supported to the satisfaction of a majority of the board or quorum of directors, his or their seat or seats of office shall be vacated, and the directors shall fill up such vacancy or vacancies.

30. *And be it enacted.* That this act shall continue in force until the expiration of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and to the end of the next session of assembly thereafter.

## CHAPTER 187.

## An act for the relief of Peregrine Wilmer.

Passed Feb 15 1819

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that Samuel Ewing, and Elizabeth Ann Maria Ewing his wife, one of the heirs at law of John R. Pratt, petitioned to Queen Anne's county court, for the division of the lands which had descended to the heirs at law of John R. Pratt, and that commissioners were appointed accordingly, and made return thereof that the lands would not admit of division, and that the said Samuel Ewing and wife, sold the said lands to one Samuel Jones, who after the sale, appeared in court, and elected to take the same at the valuation, and gave bonds in the place of the said Samuel Ewing, to the heirs at law of the said John R. Pratt, and that the said Samuel Jones hath since sold the same to the said Peregrine Wilmer: And whereas great doubts are entertained, whether the proceeding of the said court, in permitting the said Samuel Jones to make his election as aforesaid, was valid, therefore.

Proceedings of county court made valid.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said proceeding in Queen Anne's county court be and the same is hereby confirmed and made valid.

Surviving commissioner empowered to execute a deed.

2. *Be it enacted.* That the said John Watson, the surviving commissioner, is hereby empowered to execute a deed to the said Peregrine Wilmer, conveying all the right which descended from the said John R. Pratt to his heirs at law, for the land contained in the commission and return; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the claims which the heirs of the said John R. Pratt have upon the lands by and in virtue of the several acts of assembly which secure the payment of the money respectively due them.

Proviso.

## CHAPTER 188.

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A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish Pilots and regulate their fees.

Board of examiners authorised to charge 50 per cent. in addition to the fees now allowed.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the board of examiners, and their register, appointed by or in virtue of the act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby authorised, severally to charge and receive fifty per centum on the amount and addition to the fees to which they are now entitled by law, upon cases disputed before them.

Penalty on pilots receiving greater or lesser fees than allowed by law.

2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any pilot or pilots to charge or receive greater or lesser fees than allowed by law for any services rendered under the act (to which this is a sup-