

CHAP. 121. in the months of June and November next, and in the months of May and November thereafter in each year, declare a dividend of so much of the actual net profits, not exceeding three-fourths of said profits, which shall have accrued to the said bank during the half year next preceding the time of declaring such dividend, as they may deem expedient and proper, which dividends shall be payable to the stockholders in the months of June and December next, after they shall be declared; and no such dividend which shall be so declared by the said president and directors, shall be deemed or considered as impairing the capital stock of the said bank; *And provided*, that nothing herein contained shall have any effect or operation unless approved of by the directors of the said bank, chosen at the election of such directors next after the passage of this law, and that the present directors cause this act to be published in three of the newspapers in the city of Baltimore for three weeks next previous to such election.

Provide

CHAP. CXXII.

An Act for the relief of Henry Ellis, of Saint-Mary's County.

Passed Feb 7 1820
Preamble

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Henry Ellis, of Saint-Mary's county, that on the eleventh of October last, in the night, the constable of his hundred brought to his house a man by the name of William Stephen, who had been arrested for felony, and by his endeavouring to make his escape was dangerously wounded by the officer, and that he had to attend and accommodate the prisoner for nearly four weeks; therefore,

Levy authorised
for his use

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy court of Saint-Mary's county, at their next levy, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, the sum of fifty dollars, for the use and benefit of Henry Ellis, as a compensation for his trouble and expense in supporting and attending on William Stephen, who was left by the officer in his care, and that the same be collected by the collector of the county, and by him paid to Henry Ellis, or his order.

CHAP. CXXIII.

Passed Feb 7, 1820 A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to encourage the Building of Horse Mills and Wind Mills in Dorchester and Saint-Mary's Counties.

Act extended to
Charles county

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same are hereby extended to the citizens of Charles county.

CHAP. CXXIV.

Passed Feb 7, 1820 An Act for the benefit of Horatio C. M'Eldery and George Forbes, of Charles County.

Authorised to
bring slaves into
the state

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Horatio C. M'Eldery and George Forbes, of Charles county, be and they are hereby authorised to bring into this state negroes Frederick and Bill, lately the property of Walter Jenifer, and formerly the property of the late Doctor Daniel Jenifer, and the same to hold as slaves; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall authorise them, or either of them, to sell or dispose of the said negroes, or either of them, for five years, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *And provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any right or title which the said negroes may have to freedom, otherwise than by being brought into this state.

Provided