

at those persons who shall have attended as petit jurors, during the first three weeks of the term, shall be discharged on the third Saturday of the term, or as soon thereafter as any cause or causes which they or part of them may be impannelled to try, shall be disposed of by verdict or otherwise.

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3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after the termination of the ensuing March term.

Law to take effect.

CHAPTER 139.

Supplement to an act entitled, An act for altering and amending the road from Baltimore City to Belle Air in Harford County.

Passed Feb. 14, 1824.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the county court of Baltimore county, at the time of laying their next county levy, shall be and they are hereby required and directed to assess and levy on the assessable property of Baltimore county, the sum of two hundred dollars and one hundred dollars yearly for the two succeeding years, to be collected as other county levies are collected, and that the same be applied in Baltimore county, to the opening and making the road as altered and amended by the commissioners appointed by the act, to which this is a supplement.

Levy \$400.

CHAPTER 140:

An incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

WHEREAS, a navigable canal from the tide water of the River Potomac in the district of Columbia to the mouth of Savage creek on the north branch of the said river, and extending thence across the Allegany Mountain to some convenient point on the navigable waters of the River Ohio or of some one of its tributary streams, to be fed through its course on the east side of the mountain by the River Potomac, and the streams which enter therein, and on the western side of the Mountain, and in passing over the same, by all such streams of water as may be beneficially drawn thereto by feeders, dams or in any other practicable mode, will be a work of great profit and advantage to the people of this state and of the neighboring states, and may ultimately tend to establish a connected navigation between the eastern and western waters, so as to extend and multiply the means and facilities of interior commerce and personal intercourse between the two great sections of the United States, and to interweave more closely all the mutual interests and affections that are calculated to consolidate and perpetuate the vital principles of union; and whereas it is presented to the general assembly, that the Patomac Company are desiring and desirous that a charter shall be granted to a new company upon the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed, and that the charter of the present company shall cease and determine—
Therefore;

Passed Feb. 9, 1824.
Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That soon as the legislatures of Virginia and Pennsylvania, and the Congress of the United States shall assent to the provisions of this act, and the Potomac Company shall have signified their assent to the same by their corporate act, a copy whereof shall be delivered to the executives of the several states aforesaid, and to the secretary of the treasury of the United States, there shall be appointed by the executives respectively, and the President of the United States, three commissioners on the part of each state, and of the government of the United States, any one of whom shall be competent to

Commissioners to open books.

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