

day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, the remaining commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

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Compensation.

6. *And be it enacted,* That each commissioner shall be entitled to receive at the rate of two dollars per day, for every day he shall act in the discharge of the duties imposed on him by the provisions of this act, to be assessed and levied by the levy court of Frederick county, as other county charges are; which said sums, when levied and collected, shall be paid over as other county charges are.

7. *And be it enacted,* That if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly of Maryland, after the next election of delegates, during the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, in such case this act and the alterations herein contained, shall constitute and be considered as a part of the constitution and form of government to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Confirmatory provision.

CHAPTER 85.

An act to prohibit the transportation of absconding slaves to Hayti; or elsewhere.

Passed Feb. 4, 1825.

Certificate and description required.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no master or officer of a vessel shall hereafter receive on board said vessel, or transport from this state any negro or mulatto, until such negro or mulatto shall produce a regularly authenticated certificate of freedom from some clerk or register of the county courts of this state, accompanied by a duly authenticated certificate by the clerk of the county court, where such vessel may clear out, said certificate to have a description of said negro or mulatto, his or her name, age, place of birth, height, colour and residence previous to applying for the same.

2. *And be it enacted,* That said clerk of court shall keep a register with description list of all applicants receiving certificates, and shall be entitled to receive one dollar for each person who may apply to inspect said register and list of applicants.

Register of certificates—Fee.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of every master or officer of such vessel to keep a register and description list of each and every negro or mulatto received on board, which he shall exhibit to any person applying to see the same, and give every facility of search, under a penalty of one hundred dollars for each refusal or neglect to do the same, to be recovered by action of debt in the county court, one half to the use of the state, the remainder to the plaintiff.

Master of vessel to keep and shew register.

4. *And be it enacted,* That if any master or officer of vessels shall transport from this state any negro or mulatto without having complied with the requisites of this act, shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars to be recovered by action of debt in any county court of this state; one half of the sum to the use of the state, the other half to the owner or party who shall sue for the same.

Penalty for neglect.

CHAPTER 86.

An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the intersection of the Baltimore and Frederick Town turnpike road, near the third mile stone on said road, to McVile in Baltimore county.

Passed Feb. 3, 1825.

*Whereas,* it is represented to this General Assembly by petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that the public conve-

Preamble.