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CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT

Supplementary to an Act passed at the January session eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, chapter two hundred and forty-seven, entitled an Act to establish and incorporate an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb of the State of Maryland, and also an Act passed at the January session eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and nine, entitled an Act to amend and add additional sections to the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, chapter two hundred and forty-seven.

WHEREAS, An Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb has been incorporated and established under and by virtue of the provisions of the aforementioned Acts of Assembly and located at the City of Frederick, Maryland; and whereas, the buildings now occupied by said Asylum are entirely inadequate and insufficient for the purposes thereof; and whereas, it is desirable and proper that an institution which has been established by the State for the benefit of this unfortunate portion of our community should be cherished and supported; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following sections be added to the aforementioned Acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, chapter two hundred and forty-seven, and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and nine, to follow section sixteen:

Sec. 17. That for the purpose of meeting and defraying the expense of the erection and furnishing of suitable buildings for the use of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, a fund is hereby created, to be called the "Deaf and Dumb Asylum Loan," and that the Treasurer of the State is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds or certificates of debt to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to be countersigned by the Comptroller in the name and in behalf of the State of Maryland, which bonds or certificates of debt shall be exempt from State, county and municipal taxation, and shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year, and be redeemable in not less than ten nor more than fifteen years, at the pleasure of the State, and which said bonds or certificates of debt shall be sold for not less than their par value, and the proceeds passed to the credit of the said "Deaf and Dumb Asylum Loan," and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying all liabilities incurred in the construction and furnishing of the buildings necessary for the purposes of said Asylum, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby directed to pay to the President and Board of Visitors of the Asylum of the Deaf and Dumb for the State of Maryland, on the warrant of the Comptroller, the proceeds of the loan aforesaid, at such times and in such amounts as may by them be deemed necessary for the purposes of this Act, or the Treasurer may instead, issue to the said President and Board of Visitors the said bonds or certificates of debt at not less than their par value; provided, that no such payment shall be made to the said President and Board of Visitors until they shall have invited bids upon specifications furnished and entered into a contract with responsible parties for the construction of said buildings, which contract shall have been approved by the Board of Public Works.

Sec. 18. And be it enacted, That a special tax of one-fourth of one cent, be and the same is hereby laid on every hundred dollars worth of the taxable property of the State to meet the interest and create a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds or certificates of debt herein directed to be issued, and the said tax shall be annually levied, collected and paid over to the State Treasurer until the debt created by this Act shall have been paid, and a separate and distinct account shall be kept thereof, and the proceeds thereof are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds or certificates of debt, and for that purpose so much thereof as may be necessary, shall first be applied to the payment of the interest on the bonds or certificates of debt hereby created, and the balance invested by the Treasurer in the bonds hereby authorized to be issued, or other bonds of the State or in the bonds of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 164.]

AN ACT

To regulate and make uniform the fees of Justices of the Peace.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all sections of the several Articles of the Code of Public Local Laws of this State, relating to the fees of Justices of the Peace, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That section seventeen, eighteen and nineteen of Article thirty-eight, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the fees of Justices of the Peace be repealed, and the following sections be adopted in lieu thereof:

17. The Justices of the Peace of this State shall be entitled to receive the fees allowed in the following table, and such fees shall be taxed and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be rendered, to wit: For issuing each summons in debt or damages, or writ of replevin, twenty-five cents; for each summons for witnesses, including all the witnesses applied for at the same time, twenty-five cents; for venire to summon freeholders, thirty-five cents; for fieri facias, thirty-five cents; for venditioni exponas, thirty-five cents; for scire facias, forty-five cents; for every supersedeas, twenty cents; for every oath or affidavit, ten cents; for probate or account, ten cents; for every judgment rendered where there is no trial, twenty-five cents; for every judgment rendered on trial, sixty cents; for every warrant of attachment against a resident debtor, forty-five cents; for every attachment against a non-resident or absconding debtor, one dollar; for attachment of contempt, twenty-five cents; for venire to summon a jury in a case of forcible entry and detainer, and summons to tenant, one dollar; for taking inquisition and return thereof, four dollars; for warrant of restitution, one dollar; for taking every acknowledgment of every deed or other instrument of writing from each person making an acknowledgment, thirty cents; for a certificate of estrays, forty cents; for issuing writ of attachment by way of execution, forty-five cents; for taking replevin or other bonds, twenty-five cents; for entering every continuance, ten cents; for every transcript from the docket, fifteen cents; for every search, ten cents; for binding apprentices, each Justice twenty-five cents.

18. They shall be entitled to be paid in criminal cases, by the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, the following fees; For issuing each State writ, twenty-five cents; for search warrant, twenty-five cents; for taking recognizances of witnesses, each twenty-five cents; for taking recognizances in each case reported to Court, twenty-five cents; for every commitment, twenty-five cents; for every releasement, twenty-five cents; for holding an inquest upon a deceased person, five dollars; for issuing an attachment for a witness refusing to attend on summons of a commissioner, fifty cents; for taking depositions in cases of contested elections, per day, three dollars.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t

[CHAPTER 141.]

AN ACT

To repeal section eighteen of Article seventy-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Penitentiary, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section eighteen of Article seventy-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Penitentiary, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

18. The Directors may enter into such contracts for the employment of the convicts in the Penitentiary, and for the sale of the manufactures in the institution as they may deem proper, but shall not enter into any contract for the making or manufacturing of the articles known as tin cans, used for oyster and fruit packing purposes, nor employ any convicts in the making thereof. The Director may, however, employ an agent or agents for the purchase of articles or goods wanted by the institution, and allow the agents so employed such compensation as the Directors may deem right and proper.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 169.]

To repeal section seventeen, Article fifty-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Landlord and Tenant, as repealed and re-enacted by chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the Acts passed eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, exempting certain articles from distress for rent, and to re-enact the following in lieu thereof.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section seventeen, Article fifty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Landlord and Tenant, as repealed and re-enacted by chapter one hundred and seventy-three of Acts passed session eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

17. The following property shall be exempt from distress for rent, to wit:—Every spinning-wheel, loom or sewing machine which may be loaned or hired to the tenant; and every horse, carriage or harness, whip and robe, saddle and bridle, not the property of the tenant, in any livery stable, or which may be at livery or stored with any keeper of any livery stable, or in any other place, out-house or barn of the tenant; and all property of any boarder or sojourner at any hotel, tavern, public or private boarding house; and any vehicle, not the property of the tenant, in any shop for repairs; every stove, every piano or other musical instrument rented or hired or loaned to the tenant, where the contract of renting, hiring or lending of such stove or piano, or other musical instrument, is in writing, signed by the parties thereto, and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace of the county or city wherein the parties reside, and the Justice shall enter upon his docket the substance of the contract, and that the parties acknowledge the same.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 371.]

AN ACT

To add an additional section to Article twenty-nine of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Courts," providing for rendering judgment for the damages awarded by the jury upon the ratification of inquisitions for condemning lands.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following additional sections be added to Article twenty-nine, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Courts:"

82. In all cases of proceedings to condemn lands, for any purpose whatever, under any law or charter, upon the return and ratification of the inquisition by the proper Court, and in all cases in which inquisitions may have been heretofore returned and ratified, the said Court shall render a judgment against the persons or corporation for whose use the condemnation may be so made in favor of the owners named in the requisition for the amount of the damages awarded by the jury, and unless within ninety days after condemnation ratified, the same shall be abandoned by written notification to said owners, execution may immediately thereafter issue on said judgment as in other cases of judgments rendered in Courts of Law.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 306.]

AN ACT

To repeal section 7, Article 42, of the Code of Public General Laws, and to re-enact and amend the same by adding a clause authorizing the Governor to remit any part of the time for which any person may be sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section (7) seven of Article 42, of the Code of Public General Laws, be and the same is hereby repealed, re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

7. The Governor upon giving the notice required by the Constitution, may commute or change any sentence of death into confinement in the Penitentiary or banishment, for such period as he shall think expedient, and on giving such notice he may pardon any person convicted of crime, on such conditions as he may prescribe; or he may upon like notice remit any part of the time for which any person may be sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary, on such like conditions, without such remission operating as a full pardon to any such person.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 297.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to examine the fisheries of the State, with a view to their improvement and protection, and to report thereon to the next General Assembly, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense thereof.

WHEREAS, Both the marine and inland fisheries of this State have of late years much deteriorated, and a vast source of food supply for the people has been greatly injured by causes, the removal of which appears to be entirely within the reach of legislation; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint two competent persons, whose duty it shall be to inspect the bay, marine and river fisheries of the State, and to report upon the same to the General Assembly as soon after its next meeting as practicable, suggesting such legislation as may be most conducive to the protection and improvement of the said fisheries.

Sec. 2. [illegible] commission hereby [illegible] in existence for ten [illegible] of its appointment, [illegible] determine upon the [illegible] port as herein requ[illegible] tence be further pro[illegible] islative action.

Sec. 3. Be it en[illegible] of one thousand dollars [illegible] much thereof as may [illegible] and the same is here[illegible] defray the actual ex[illegible] commissioners [illegible] ance of their duty, to be paid by the Treasurer of the State on the presentation of their accounts, when approved by the Governor, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. Be it enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 257.]

AN ACT

To repeal the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty eight, chapter two hundred and ninety-four, entitled an Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, to be entitled Domestic Insurance Company, providing for annual reports of the condition of the said several Insurance Companies incorporated under the laws of this State, and doing business within the limits thereof, and re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter two hundred and ninety-four, entitled an Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, entitled Domestic Insurance Company, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. It shall hereafter be the duty of the President or Vice President and Secretary, or other proper officer of each company or association organized under the laws of this State, to transact the business of insurance annually on the first day of February, or within one month thereafter, to prepare under their own oath and deposit in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, a statement of the condition of such company or association on the thirty-first day of December then next preceding, exhibiting the following facts and items in the following form, namely:

First. The capital stock of the company; second, the property and assets held by the company or association, specifying first, the value or as nearly as may be, of the real estate held by such company or association; second, the amount of cash on hand and deposited in banks to the credit of the company or association, specifying in what banks the same are deposited; third, the amount of cash in the hands of agents and in course of transmission; fourth, the amount of loans secured by bonds and mortgages constituting the first liens on real estate on which there shall be less than one year's interest due or owing; fifth, the amount of loans on which interest shall not have been paid within one year previous to such statement; sixth, the amount due the company on which judgments have been obtained; seventh, the amount of stocks of this State, of the United States, of any incorporated city of this State, and of any other stocks owned by the company, specifying the amount, number of shares, and par in market value of each kind of stock; eighth, the amount of stocks held thereby as collateral security for loans, with the amount loaned on each kind of stock, its par value and the market value; ninth, the amount of assessments on the stock or premium notes paid and unpaid; tenth, the amount of interest actually due and [illegible] seventh, the amount of premi[illegible] hand on which policies are [illegible] The liabilities of such company, [illegible] first, the amount of losses due [illegible]; second, the amount of [illegible] resisted by the Compa[illegible] the amount of losses incurred [illegible], including those claimed [illegible] due, and of those reported to [illegible] which no action has [illegible] fourth, the amount of divi[illegible] and due and remaining un[illegible], the amount of dividends, either cash or scrip, declared but not yet due; sixth, the amount of money borrowed and security for the payment thereof; seventh, the amount of policies outstanding; eighth, the amount of all other existing claims against the company or association.

Fourth The income of the company or association during the preceding year, specifying first, the amount of cash premiums received; second, the amount of notes received for premiums; third, the amount of interest money received; fourth, the amount of income received from other sources.

Fifth. The expenditures during the preceding year, specifying first, the amount of losses paid during the year, stating how much of the same accrued prior and how much subsequent to the date of the preceding statement, and the amount at which such losses were estimated in such preceding statement; second, the amount of dividends paid during the year; third, the amount of expenses paid during the year, including commissions and fees to agents and officers of the company or association; fourth, the amount paid in taxes; fifth, the amounts of all other payments and expenditures. The statement of any company or association, the capital of which is composed in whole or in part of notes, shall in addition to the foregoing, exhibit the amount of notes originally forming the capital, and also what proportion of said notes is held by such company or association and considered capital. Every Insurance Company or association organized under the laws of this State, failing to make and deposit such statement or to reply to any inquiry of the Comptroller of the Treasury relating to the condition of such company, or to submit its books and papers when demanded, to the inspection and examination of the Comptroller, shall be subject to the penalty of five hundred dollars for every month that such company shall continue thereafter to transact any business of insurance.

It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury to cause to be prepared and furnished to each of the companies incorporated by other States and foreign Governments, printed forms of the statements required by this Act, and he may from time to time make such changes in the form of such statements as shall seem to him best adapted to elicit from the companies a true exhibit of their condition in respect to the several points hereinbefore enumerated.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That every company as aforesaid, shall cause the statement rendered by it to the Comptroller to be published on the first Monday in the month of March in the same year, daily for one week, in one or more newspapers of the place where said company is located, and if any company as aforesaid, shall fail to make the required return of its condition within the time herein designated, or to make the publication thereof within the month of March aforesaid, the said company shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars for each omission for every day thereafter until the return shall have been rendered or the publication made as required, said penalty to be payable into the Treasury of the State, and recoverable in like manner as other fines and penalties.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 258.]

AN ACT

To remove the disabilities of all persons which have been incurred under the forty-first section of Article third of the Constitution, and to restore them to the full privileges of citizens.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons otherwise entitled to hold offices of profit or trust within this State, who have fought a duel with deadly weapons, or sent or accepted a challenge so to do, or who have acted as second or knowingly aided or assisted in any manner those offending, be and they are hereby relieved from the disabilities imposed upon them by Article three, section forty-one, of the Constitution of the State, and are hereby restored to their full privileges as citizens, so far as the same may have been affected by said section and Article.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 410.]

AN ACT

To repeal section one and six of chapter three hundred and twenty-nine of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled an Act to provide for the selection, drawing and summoning of jurors in the several counties and prescribing their qualifications, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That sections one and six of chapter three hundred and twenty-nine of the Acts of Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled an Act to provide for the selection, drawing and summoning of jurors in the several counties and prescribing their qualifications, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the County Commissioners for each of the counties of this State, to make out and file with the Clerk of the Circuit Courts for said counties, not less than twenty days before the beginning of the first regular term of said Courts next ensuing the passage of this Act, and not less than twenty days before the beginning of the second regular term of said Courts after each and every general election held thereafter, a fair and complete list of the white male taxable inhabitants or residents of said county, and who are not known to said Clerk to be under the age of twenty-five years, and to which said lists so to be made and filed, the said clerks respectively, shall append a certificate that said list is fully and fairly made, and for making such list the said Clerk shall receive such compensation as the County Commissioners shall deem right and proper, and for failure to perform the duty hereby imposed, the said Clerk to said commissioners shall forfeit and pay a fine to the State of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, in the discretion of the Court, to be recovered by indictment as for a misdemeanor, and he shall be thenceforth wholly incapable of holding or exercising the duties of the said Clerk to the County Commissioners.

6. And be it enacted, That the name of no person disqualified or exempted by existing law from serving as a juror, or who by existing law the Sheriff is forbidden to summon as such, shall be selected and placed upon the panel or list from which the drawing is to be made as directed by this Act, nor shall any person be drawn and summoned to two Courts successively, but the selection or drawing of any person disqualified as a juror under this Act shall not invalidate the drawing or selection, but such error may be corrected by drawing another person from the box in place of the person improperly selected or drawn, and the said Court shall have full power and authority to coerce the attendance of jurors drawn and summoned under this Act, and to punish by fine and imprisonment, or both, for any default or contempt committed in disregarding such summons.

Sec. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 376.]

AN ACT

To prevent the Injury or Destruction of Baggage.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any baggage master, express agent, stage driver, hackman, or other person whose duty it shall be to handle, remove or take care of baggage, with a view to, or in course of its receipt, transportation, or delivery, who shall wilfully or recklessly injure or destroy any trunk, valise, box, package or parcel while handling, loading, transporting, unloading, delivering, or storing the same, shall be punished by a fine or penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment or by action of debt in the State, in the usual way; one-half for the benefit of the informer.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall affect the civil liability of the party so offending, or his principal, for damages, but in all civil actions therefor, as well as in all proceedings to impose or recover the fine or penalty by the first section of this Act provided for, proof of injury shall be prima facie evidence of the recklessness or wilfulness therein provided for.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 394.]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of Assembly of 1867, chapter 341, relating to the valuation and assessment of property in this State.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Act of 1867, chapter 341, be and the same is hereby amended by adding to section two of said Act the following words or proviso, exempting mortgages from assessment and valuation, viz:—Nor shall any tax of any kind be assessed, levied or collected on any mortgages of any kind, or on any mortgage bill of sale, upon any property in this State.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws heretofore passed in relation to the assessment and valuation of property in this State, so far as they are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed; and this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 410.]

AN ACT

To add additional sections to Article twenty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, as amended and passed at January session, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and seventy-one, relating to Corporations.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article twenty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, as amended by an Act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter four hundred and seventy-one, be amended by the addition of the following sections:

Sec. 221. Where the par value of the stock of any Corporation created under the General Laws of the State of Maryland, has been, or may hereafter be, reduced by losses, it shall be competent for the stockholders thereof, in general meeting assembled, to establish the true value of the stock of such corporation; and they may also provide for calling in and cancelling the whole or any part of such stock, and issuing other stock instead thereof, at such par value as they may decide on, so as to represent the amount of the true value so established, of the stock of such corporation; and they may also provide for creating and disposing of additional stock, so as to make up the entire value of the stock of the corporation to the amount designated in the certificate of incorporation, or for a greater or less amount as may be decided by the stockholders.

Sec. 222. Notice of such meeting of stockholders shall be given in the manner required by section seventy-one of said Article twenty-six, of the Code of Public General Laws, and the proceedings thereafter shall be similar to those prescribed in sections seventy-two and seventy-three of said Article twenty-six of the Code of Public General Laws.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 295.]

AN ACT

To repeal section thirty-five, of Article eighteen of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, relating to Clerks of Courts and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section thirty-five of Article eighteen, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title, Clerks of Courts, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

35. The Clerks of all the Courts to which jurors are summoned shall administer to the Sheriff the oath required to be taken by him on his returning a panel of jurors, and the Clerks of the several Courts of this State, and their deputies are hereby empowered to administer oaths upon all legal papers for file in their respective offices, upon which affidavits are required by law.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870—1t.

[CHAPTER 195.]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter eight, relating to "Exemption of Property from Execution."

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section six, of the Act of 1861, entitled, an Act to amend the eighty-third Article of the Code of Public General Laws by exempting a certain amount of property from execution, be and the same is hereby repealed, and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the exemption herein shall not apply to any execution on a judgment rendered on any contract, or to any liabilities which now exist, or may exist when this Act shall take effect, and provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any persons except actual bona fide residents of the State of Maryland.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1870.

ODEN BOWIE,
Governor.

June 2, 1870.