

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to separate, in whole or in part, for a term of years, or without limitation, the said Rogers's addition from the body of the city of Baltimore, and to discharge the holders of lots therein from all taxes, dues and levies, laid, or to be laid, and from the operation of all ordinances, acts and by-laws, of the corporation thereof; provided, that any such term of years extend to the time of erecting lamps, furnishing a watch, and the common benefits of the city institutions; and provided further, that no exemption be granted from the regulations of the corporation aforesaid respecting lotteries, billiard-tables, and other gaming establishments, theatrical and like exhibitions, by any act or ordinance for the purpose herein specified.

## C H A P. XLIII.

An ACT to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Passed 25th of  
January, 1806.

WHEREAS Benjamin Buckingham, of Baltimore county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he is now upwards of sixty years of age, having a wife and seven children, three of whom are dumb, the eldest named Emma, of the age of fourteen years, is an idiot; that he has been for sometime past supported by his neighbours, and being unable to support himself and family, he therefore prays that a law may pass, authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the support of his said daughter named Emma; and the same appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy court of Baltimore county shall be and are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county, not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Emma, and that the same be collected and paid annually to Benjamin Buckingham by the collector of Baltimore county, for the use, support and maintenance, of the said Emma, agreeable to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

## C H A P. XLIV.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water in the city of Baltimore.

Passed 25th of  
January, 1806.

WHEREAS by the second section of the original act to which this is a supplement it is enacted, that the capital stock of the said corporation shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into ten thousand shares, of fifty dollars each, and the subscriptions to the said capital stock shall be opened, and kept open, under the direction of the said president and directors, until the aforesaid number of shares be subscribed; and it being represented to this general assembly, that the said number of shares will not be necessary to complete the object of the said law, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said president and directors of the Baltimore water company shall have full power and authority, from time to time, at their discretion, to take and receive subscriptions to the said capital stock, and to close the same, so that the said subscriptions shall not exceed in the whole the said number of ten thousand shares, of fifty dollars each share.

III. AND, whereas by the fourth section of the said original act it is enacted, that in choosing directors no person or body politic shall have more than twenty votes, and that each person holding one or more shares under the said number of twenty, shall have one vote for every share so held, and it being represented to this general assembly, that the said law, in this particular, is contrary to the terms under which the said company associated and are willing to be governed, and upon the faith of which they have advanced large sums of money, and progressed very considerably in the said undertaking; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That in the choosing directors all persons or bodies politic, holding stock in the said company, shall vote agreeably to the number of shares they may hold, in the following proportion; that is to say, for one share, and not exceeding two shares, one vote each; for every two shares above two, and not exceeding ten, one vote; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote; for every six shares above thirty, and not exceeding sixty, one vote; and for every eight shares above sixty, one vote; but no person or body politic shall be entitled to more than eighty votes.

IV. AND, whereas by the last section of the said original act it is enacted, that the same shall continue and be in force during the full term of twenty years, and to the end of the next session of

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the general assembly which shall be thereafter, and this assembly, willing to encourage measures of public utility, by promoting the private interest of those who engage in them, are willing further to prolong the term therein granted, but apprehensive that the causes of public injury may unperceived exist in acts incorporating individuals for undertakings where private interest may contend with the public, and the inconveniencies be detected by experience only; therefore, while it leaves to each following legislature its own independent powers, thinks proper to declare, that no perpetuity ought to be granted to companies thus created, where the faith of the legislature may be pleaded against removal of future grievances, and occasion an appearance of legislative violence, when compelled to remedy, by a future act, the mischiefs arising from a former, and deeming that in any case corporations formed by them may properly and justly depend on their equity for renewal of the grants at first made, when they conduce to general benefit, which is the condition of their creation; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the time limited by the act aforesaid be extended to the term of thirty years, and in case of any purchase made by the corporation of Baltimore, which they are hereby authorised to make of the said company, with their consent, at or before the said term of thirty years shall expire, of the rights conferred by this and the original act, a full and fair compensation shall be allowed to the said company for all their property, works and machinery, of every kind, to be adjudged and valued by twelve indifferent persons, of whom the company shall choose one half, and the mayor and city council the other.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the water company aforesaid shall insert, or grant permission to the corporation of Baltimore to insert, and repair at the expence of the city, such a number of fire plugs as to them shall appear necessary, into the pipes used to convey the water through the streets thereof, to be used only in case of fire, but free from any charge for a supply of water.

VI. AND, whereas by the said original act it is enacted, that the said corporation should meet on the first Monday in May then next, which they did not do according to the directions thereof, BE IT ENACTED, *by this General Assembly*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to meet on the first Monday in May next, in the city of Baltimore, and as often thereafter as the said corporation may adjudge convenient and necessary, and carry into effect the provisions of the said original act, in the same manner as they might have done if they had met at the period prescribed thereby, and also to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

C H A P. XLV.

## An ACT for the support of Solomon Jones and wife.

Passed 25th of  
January, 1806.

WHEREAS Solomon Jones, of Dorchester county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he has spent many of his younger years in the military service of his country, and is now upwards of seventy-three years of age, having a wife nearly the same, and both of them very infirm, so as not to be able to obtain a livelihood by their labour, he therefore prays that an act may pass to provide for the support of said Solomon Jones and wife out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in said petition appearing true, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court of Dorchester county shall and they are hereby empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of thirty dollars to each of them, for the support and maintenance of the said Solomon Jones and wife.

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## An ACT to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cæcil county.

Passed 25th of  
January, 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lancaster county, in Pennsylvania, and of Cæcil county, Maryland, that a road leading from the warehouse at the north end of the Susquehanna canal to the Pennsylvania line, where the lands late of Alexander Ewing, deceased, are situated on said line, would be of great public utility and advantage; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Robert Love, Jacob Conrad, junior, and Andrew Dunbar, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expence of such persons as may think proper to contribute thereto, a road, not exceeding thirty feet in width, in the straightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit of, from the warehouse aforesaid to that part of Alexander Ewing's land