

CHAPTER 448.

Passed May 31, 1853. AN ACT to provide a seal for the office of the Secretary of State, and for authenticating his records.

Seal of office to be made. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Secretary of State shall cause a seal of office to be made for his department, and all copies of records or papers in his office, authenticated under the said seal shall be evidence equally as the original record or paper; *Provided,* that no copy of a record or paper shall be given out or certified by the said secretary of any order, entry or action of the Governor without the approbation of the Governor.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 449.

Passed May 31, 1853. AN ACT to incorporate the Bank of Howard County.

Commissioners appointed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Charles Carroll, of Doughoregan Manor, Thomas B. Dorsey, Hugh Ely, Charles W. Dorsey, William Hughes, William W. Watkins and George R. Gaither, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners with authority to establish a Banking Institution at Ellicotts Mills, by the name of the Bank of Howard County, the capital of which shall be one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each; and the said Banking Institution shall be, and he is hereby incorporated with all the privileges and responsibilities of bodies politic and corporate, and the said commissioners shall appoint the times for taking subscriptions to the stock, for choosing directors and for putting the bank into operation.

Rights, powers, &c. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid bank from the time its capital stock shall be actually paid up in gold and silver coin, or in either, and not before, shall be entitled to all the rights, powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions, limitations and conditions of the several banks comprehended in an act entitled, an act to continue the corporate existence of the several Banking Institutions therein mentioned, passed at the present session of the General Assembly,