

22d. All bills and notes which may be issued by order of the said corporation, signed by the president, and countersigned by the cashier thereof, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her or their order, or to bearer, though not under the seal of the said corporation, shall be binding and obligatory upon the same, in the like manner, and with the like force and effect, as upon any private person or persons, if issued by him or them in his, her or their private or natural capacity or capacities; and shall be assignable and negotiable in like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons; that is to say, those which shall be payable to any person or persons, his, her or their order, shall be assignable by endorsement, in like manner, and with the like effect, as foreign bills of exchange now are, and those which are payable to bearer, shall be negotiable or assignable by delivery only.

23d. That the treasurer of the western shore for the time being shall be furnished, once every year, or oftener if required, with statements of the amount of the capital stock of the said corporation, and of the debts due to and from the same, of the monies deposited therein, of the notes in circulation, of the cash in hand, and of the profits made, and shall have a right to inspect such general accounts in the books of the bank, as shall relate to the said statements, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to imply a right of inspecting the account of any private individual or individuals with the bank, nor shall such general statement and power of inspection be used for any other purpose than to enable him to form a just opinion of the state of the institution relative to the public safety, and of the profits thereof, over which he is hereby appointed guardian, as far as the same relates to the state.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue in force until the expiration of the year eighteen hundred and fifteen, and until the end of the next session of assembly thereafter.

Duration.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to authorise and empower the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS Thomas Butt, of Prince-George's county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that by reason of his very advanced age and infirmities he is rendered incapable of supporting himself by labour, the only means by which he hath heretofore procured a subsistence, and praying that a law may pass for his support out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in the said petition appearing to be true, and the prayer thereof being reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Prince-George's county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money, not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Thomas Butt, and the same to be collected annually by the collector of Prince-George's county, and paid to such person or persons, for the support of the said Thomas Butt, as the levy court of said county shall direct.

Justices to Levy money, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS many inconveniences have arisen under the law, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case any constable shall neglect to make due return of any execution directed to him by virtue of this act to which this is a supplement, it shall be lawful for the justice who issued the said execution, on proof of the delivery of the writ of execution to the said constable, to call such constable before him, and unless a good excuse is offered, to fine such constable any sum not exceeding fifteen shillings, and such justice may thereupon allow a future day, not exceeding fourteen days, to such constable to make return thereof, and in case such constable shall fail to make return by the time limited, it shall and may be lawful for such justice, at the request of the plaintiff, his agent or attorney, to enter judgment against said constable, and his securities, in favour of the plaintiff, for the amount of his debt and costs;

Constable, in case of neglect, may be fined, &c.