

regulations or by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States. CHAP. 134.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present officers of the said Society shall continue in their respective stations until an election shall be made under this act, and the rules and by-laws and ordinances now in force, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States, shall be good and valid, until altered, amended, or abrogated by the corporation. Election of officers

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the hall or halls of audience or of meeting, being the property of the said Society, and the furniture of the same, and their collection of plants, books, maps, charts, drawings, plans, models, and other specimens of art and nature of whatsoever kind, shall be free from all taxes and public dues of every kind. Exempt from tax.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be in force for twenty-five years from the date thereof, and from that time until the same be repealed. Limit 25 years.

CHAPTER 134.

An act for the preservation of Wild Fowl in the Potomac River, and its tributary streams. Passed Mar. 5, 1833

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the third day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, passed an act, entitled, "an act for the preservation of fish and wild fowl in the waters of the Potomac and its tributary streams." Now, in order to give full effect to the aforesaid law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, so far as it regards the shooting of wild fowl, and for the further purpose of suppressing the mal-practices of divers persons who use such means of killing wild fowl, that they are in danger of being wholly destroyed or driven from the waters of this State to the great detriment of the citizens thereof and the community at large; *And whereas*, it is represented to this Legislature by a large and respectable number of the citizens of this State, that persons living upon the waters of the Potomac and its tributary streams are subjected to great danger of being shot when engaged in their ordinary vocations, by persons firing off guns of immense size from floats, regardless of what direction they Preamble.