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September 29, 1866—y

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They make and have for sale the following kinds of PLOWS AND PLOW CASTINGS: Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Concave; 1, 2 and 3 Pratt & Davis; No. 4 Wiley, and two-furrowed Plows of excellent model, and not surpassed in smoothness or temper by any made or used in this State.

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Dentist,
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May 13, 1865—y.

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SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME.
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Baltimore, June 30, 1866—y.

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(Successor to C. B. KEYWORTH,)
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THE SHOP ON CROSS STREET,
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Having laid in a Stock
Of the Very Best Material,
are now prepared to build to order
FIRST CLASS CARRIAGES
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
TRIMMING, PAINTING
AND ALL KINDS OF REPAIRS
Neatly and promptly done.

Believing a good Carriage Manufactory will be sustained in our town, we respectfully ask the public patronage.

GEO. E. LAMBERT & CO.
Chestertown, March 9, 1867.

The Poet.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.

FOR THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT.

How many a time has the South been praised,
In earlier, happier days;
By bards of fairy eloquence,
In odes, and prose, and lays.
Her lovely skies, so bright and blue,
Her many crystal streams;
Her fig trees, laden to the earth,
Her groves, where plenty teems.

Her stately palm-trees, full of grace,
Her costly mansions grand;
Her mighty rivers flowing on,
By shores of silvery sand.
Her noble sires and promising youth,
Her generous matrons rare;
Her ever welcome clasp of love,
Her boards where all could share.

Alas! her streams are dyed with blood,
Her fig trees low, and dead,
Her orange groves are torn apart,
By rains of hail, and lead.
Her palm-trees rear their naked limbs,
Above her ruined homes;
Her sunny sky looks calmly down
On her sons' fast-bleaching bones.

Her mighty streams no longer bear
Great ships of costly freight;
Grim gun-boats loom from every dock,
(Ill-omened birds of fate.)
Ruin and want stalk madly o'er
Her once bright and happy land;
Her victors press the steel to heart,
The fratricidal band!

Could not the flushed, victorious North,
Withhold its ghostly steel?
Nor press it to the fallen foe?
Nor crush with iron heel?
The Sunny South is desolate,
She is "passing 'neath the rod;"
Her land is full of bleeding hearts,
Her trust is with her God.

Bohemia Mill. ROSALEINE.

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the January Session, 1867.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

A BILL

Entitled an Act to repeal the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, chapter one hundred and seventy-four, entitled an Act relating to the Registration of the Voters of the State, and to enact other provisions relating to the Registration of Voters in lieu thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, chapter one hundred and seventy-four, entitled an Act relating to the Registration of the the Voters of the State be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following sections, to be arranged in the Code of Public General Laws under an Article entitled Registration, be and the same is hereby enacted in lieu thereof:

1—The officers of registration in each ward of the city of Baltimore, and each of the counties of the State, appointed by the Governor in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, under the provisions of the fourteenth section of the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, chapter one hundred and seventy-four, are hereby continued in office for the period of two years from the date of their appointment and until their successors shall qualify, and any vacancies now existing in said offices, or which may occur by death, resignation, refusal to act or other cause, shall be filled by the Governor, and after the expiration of said two years, and every two years thereafter, the Governor shall appoint one officer of registration for each ward of the city of Baltimore and each election district of the several counties, residents of said wards and districts respectively, and shall fill all vacancies in said offices; the said officers hereby continued in office and so appointed as aforesaid, shall be styled officers of registration, and shall register as qualified voters, all white male persons claiming and entitled to the rights of the elective franchise, in the manner prescribed in the following section of this Article: the said officers shall receive for their services the sum of three dollars for each day occupied in the discharge of their duties, to be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of the several counties of this State, and any vacancies shall be filled by the Governor, and all such officers before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take and subscribe before the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and the clerks of the several Circuit Courts respectively, the oath prescribed in the seventh section of the first Article of the Constitution, or the oath prescribed for office-holders in the first section of the Act passed at the present session of the General Assembly, entitled an Act to restore to full citizenship and the right to vote and hold office, all persons who may be deprived thereof by the provisions contained in the fourth section of the first Article of the Constitution of this State, generally known as the enfranchising Act.

2—The said officers of registration shall receive from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and the clerks of the several Circuit Courts, the books of registration now in the offices of said clerks respectively, and shall adopt and use said books for the purpose of effecting the registration provided for in this article; and the said clerks shall immediately upon the appointments and qualification of said officers, deliver said books to them, and also duly certified copies of the lists of qualified voters now on record in their respective offices.

3—It shall be the duty of said officers of registration upon receipt of said books and lists of qualified voters, to correct the same by striking therefrom the names of persons who may have removed from the county or State, or who may have died or have become disqualified under the provisions of the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution, and all persons whose names appear on said books and lists as qualified voters after the same shall have been corrected as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be legal and qualified voters, and shall be entitled to vote at every election hereafter held in this State; the said officers of registration shall then add to said lists of qualified voters, and register as such every white male person who shall apply to them to be registered, and satisfy them that he possesses or before the day of the next ensuing election will possess the constitutional qualifications of age, citizenship, and residence, and is not disqualified under the provisions of the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution; provided, however, that before registering as a qualified voter any person so applying, the said officer shall administer to him the oath prescribed in the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution, or the voter's oath prescribed in the first section of the said Enfranchising act referred to in the first section of this article according as the person applying shall elect to take one or the other of said oaths, and no person who refuses to take one or the other of said oaths shall be registered as a qualified voter.

4—In making the addition to said registry of qualified voters, the officers of registration shall first record the name of every person so applying, and second, administer to him the oath as directed in the preceeding section of this article, and enter in the proper column of said registration books the fact whether he has or not been sworn; third, his age; fourth, the place of his birth; fifth, the time he has resided in the city of Baltimore or county in which he is to be registered; sixth, if naturalized; the date of his final papers or certificate of naturalization and the court, county and State whence issued; seventh, if disqualified by means of non-age, nonresidence, alienage, infamy, lunacy, or non compos mentis, or bribery, as described in the fifth section of the first article of the Constitution, the cause of such disqualification; and eighth, the name of qualified voters, omitting from said eighth column the names of persons so as above disqualified, and inserting in lieu thereof the names of the witnesses, or in case of infamy or bribery, a statement of the record proof thereof and in what court the conviction was had, or other proof by which such disqualification was established.

5th—It shall be the duty of such officers of registration to sit at some place convenient to the voters, in the several wards of the city of Baltimore and the several election districts of the counties, for ten days immediately preceding the third day prior to any election hereafter to be held in this State, whether State, Federal or Municipal, and whether general or special, from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of discharging the duties imposed on them by this article, and they shall give notice of the time and place of meeting at least ten days before the day of their first meeting, by publication in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, and in one newspaper in each county in which a newspaper is published, having the largest circulation as may appear by their subscription books, the editor or publisher to furnish the same under oath to said officer of registration; and also by handbills posted at such public places as they may select in the several precincts of the city of Baltimore and election districts of the several counties; and in case of making a change in the place of meeting, they shall at once publish in said papers notice of such change, said notices and publications to be paid for by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the County Commissioners of the several counties.

6—As soon as they shall have closed their sitting on the third day preceding any election, the said officers of registration shall immediately proceed to make, or cause to be made, an alphabetical list of the qualified voters, and the said lists shall then be finally closed for that election, and two fair copies thereof shall be made, one of which shall be lodged by the officers of registration with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county, and the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and the other delivered to the judges of election at or before the opening of the polls on the morning of election; and in the city of Baltimore the said officers of registration for the several wards shall separate the lists into precincts, and prepare their lists of voters according to the sub-divisions of their respective wards into precincts, designating the election precinct of the ward in which the voters are or shall be respectively entitled to vote, and shall deliver one copy of the list of voters for such precinct to the judges of election for such precinct as hereinbefore provided.

7—The officers of registration shall lodge with the Clerks of the Circuit Courts, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, on or before the day of any election, one copy of the list of qualified voters, made out as directed in the preceding section, which list shall be recorded by the said clerk among the records of the said Court, subject to examination as other records of said court; and they shall also deposit with said clerk the said books of registration, to be by him safely kept and preserved among the records of said court, subject to the dispositions hereinafter provided.

8—Whilst discharging the duties imposed by this article the said officers of registration shall have and exercise the powers of a justice of the peace for the preservation of order around the place of registration; may compel the attendance of witnesses for the purpose of ascertaining the qualifications of the persons applying to be registered; they shall have power to issue summons', attachments and commitments to any Sheriff or Constable, who shall serve such process as if issued by a judge of the Circuit Court or a justice of the peace, and shall receive the same fees and in the same manner as allowed by law in the State cases, but the officers of registration shall not charge any fees for the issue of such process, or receive any fees or emoluments for this or any other service they may perform in the proper discharge of their duties, except that provided in the first section of this article.

9—For the purpose of correcting the lists of qualified voters after any election, and as subsequent elections from time to time occur, by the addition of names of persons having come of age, acquired legal residence, been naturalized or applying to be registered, and by striking therefrom the names of such persons as may have removed from the county or State, or may have died or become disqualified under the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution; it shall be the duty of the said clerks to hand over said lists and books to the officers of registration, who shall proceed to correct the same by making the additions and corrections above mentioned, so that the names of all persons entitled to vote shall apppear thereon; and they shall give notice and hold sessions for this purpose as directed in sections five and six of this article, and when they shall have completed their work, they shall dispose of said lists and books as prescribed in the preceeding sections of this article.

10—If any person who has been registered as a legal voter in one district or precinct shall remove into another, he shall take from the officer of registration or the clerk of the court in which said lists or books may be deposited a certificate of the fact of his registration in such district or precinct, and it shall be the duty of the officers of registration to notify each other of such removals and certificates of registration and unless the provisions of this section are complied with, such person shall not be registered as a legal voter in the district or precinct to which he may remove, and such certificates shall be filed with the lists of voters or book of registration in the office of said clerk.

11—In case any county or city shall be divided so as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Congressman, Senator, Delegates or other officer or officers a person to be entitled to vote for such officer or officers, must have been a resident of that part of the county or city in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceeding the election therein as a qualified voter, but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, and been registered as a qualified voter, shall be entitled to vote in the election district or precinct from which he has removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed, and the officer or officers of registration shall not strike from the list of voters the name of such person or transfer the same until he is fully satisfied that the name of such person has been registered in the district or precinct to which he has removed.

12—The Clerk of the Circuit Court of the several counties and of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, shall permit examinations of the registers of names and of the books of registration and the register or lists of voters, only in the manner herein prescribed or in the manner allowed in relation to the records of his office and in his presence or in the presence of his deputy, and if any clerk shall violate any of the provisions of this article or make any alteration in said books or lists, or suffer the same to be done by others except as hereinbefore provided for, or shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed on him by any of the sections of this article, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars for every such offence and be imprisoned until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid.

13—It shall be the duty of said officers of registration before registering any person as a qualified voter, to diligently inquire and ascertain that such person possesses the requisite Constitutional qualifications of age, citizenship and residence, and that he is not disqualified under the provisions of the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution; and if any such officer shall knowingly, corruptly and fraudently permit the name of any person not possessing the above qualifications, or who is disqualified as above stated to be entered on the list or register of qualified, or shall exclude therefrom or refuse to register any person as a qualified voter in compliance with the provision of the several sections of this article, he shall upconviction thereof forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offence, and be imprisoned until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid.

14—The judges of election shall not receive or deposit the ballot of any person offering to vote until they shall have found his name on the list or register of qualified voters and have checked it thereon, and they shall receive and deposit the ballot of every person offering to vote whose name appears on said list or register of qualified voters; and if any judge of election shall refuse to receive and deposit the ballot of any such person, he shall on conviction thereof forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offence, and be imprisoned until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid, and shall also be liable in damages at the suit of the party aggrieved.

15—The provisions of this article shall extend to all special elections, whether municipal or otherwise, and to the voters upon amendments to the Constitution, and for or against a Convention to frame a new Constitution whenever such question has been or may be submitted to the people by the Legislature, and if it shall be found before any such election that the ten days notice of the sittings of the register cannot be given as required in the previous sections of this article they shall nevertheless proceed to the discharge of their duties, giving such notice thereof as the time will admit or as in their judgment they may deem proper, and the registration so made, and the lists of qualified voters handed by them to the judges of election shall be taken by said judges as the lists of persons entitled to vote at such election.

16—The Governor shall appoint three persons as officers of registration, whose duty it shall be to register the soldiers of this State in the military service of the United States, and such persons in the naval service of the United States as may be stationed at convenient and accessible points who are absent from their regular places of voting on account of such service, and it shall be the duty of such officers of registration to visit the different regiments, camps and hospitals or other posts where said soldiers may be, for the purpose of ascertaining and registering all such as shall or may be qualified to vote, and said officers of registration shall perform said duty in like manner as is required in other sections of this article, and shall return their books or list of registration for the different counties and the city of Baltimore to such officers of registration in said city and counties as the Governor shall designate twenty days before any election, and it shall be the duty of the officers of registration to whom such returns shall be made, to cause the names so returned to be registered in the several election districts or precincts of their respective counties or wards of the city of Baltimore in which said soldiers reside or are entitled to vote, and in addition to the per diem allowed by this article to officers of registration, they shall be allowed their necessary traveling expenses for the discharge of the duties imposed by this section.

17—It shall be the duty of said officers of registration after having received the register of said soldiers, to furnish a certified copy of the duly qualified voters in such lists to the County Commissioners of the several counties and the Mayor of the city of Baltimore ten days before any election, to be by them transmitted to the judges appointed to take the votes of said soldiers as directed by law.

18—If any person shall deem himself aggrieved by the refusal of the officers of registration to register him as a qualified voter by reason of the decisions of said officer that he has not the requisite qualifications of age, citizenship or residence, or is disqualified under the provisions of the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution or by the refusal to register him as a qualified voter for any other cause, or of the striking of his name from the list of qualified voters for any cause, he shall have the right to appeal from such decision or action to the Judge of the Circuit Court for the county in which he resides or applies for registration, or to the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas or Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore city in case the party resides or applies for registration in the city of Baltimore, and said Judge shall forthwith hear and determine said appeal, and in case he shall determine that the party so appealing is entitled to be registered or restored to the list as a qualified voter, he shall so certify to the officer of registration from whose decision the appeal was taken, and the said officer shall therefor register the said party as a qualified voter.

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

We certify that the aforegoing is a true copy of an act which passed the General Assembly of Maryland, January session, 1867.

W. R. COLE,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates.
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary of the Senate.
April 6, 1867—1t.

A BILL

Entitled an Act to restore to full citizenship, and the right to vote and hold office, all persons who may be deprived thereof by the provisions contained in the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution of this State.

Whereas, By the provisions of the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution of this State a large portion of its citizens, otherwise entitled to vote and hold office, have been deprived of those privileges, whilst they remain liable to taxation, to the performance of military duty, and in all other respects subject to laws in whose enactment they can have no participation, all of which is contrary to the principles on which republican governments are established; and whereas, there is every reason to believe that the persons so deprived of the right of voting and of holding office are now faithful to the State and the Government of the United States;

And whereas, These restrictions were designed to be temporary, as is evident from the fact that power is wisely given to the General Assembly, in the very section of the Constitution which imposes such restrictions, to remove them in all cases by an act passed by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House;

And whereas, The reasons for such restrictions have, by the return of peace, now happily ceased to exist, and it is, therefore, right and proper by a speedy exercise of the power so reserved by the General Assembly to re-establish and reaffirm the right of the people to participate in the Legislature, justly declared in the Declaration of Rights to be the "security of liberty and the foundation of all free government;" therefore—

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That all persons otherwise entitled to vote and hold office, who may be deprived of those privileges by reason of any of the provisions of the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution of this State, be and they are hereby restored to their full rights of citizenship, and each and all of them shall be entitled to be registered as qualified voters, and to vote in the same manner as if the said fourth section of the first article of the Constitution had not been adopted, upon taking and subscribing before any Justice of the Peace, or other officer authorized to administer an oath, or before the proper officer or officers of registration, the following oath or affirmation:

"I, —— ——, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States, and support the Constitution and laws thereof as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of any State to the contrary notwithstanding; that I will, in all respects, demean myself as a loyal citizen of the United States, and I make this oath or affirmation without any reservation or evasion, and believe it to be binding on me." And shall be entitled to hold office upon taking before any officer or person authorized to administer an oath the following oath or affirmation: "I ——, do swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of ——, according to the Constitution and laws of this State; and that, since the fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, I have not in any manner violated the provisions of the present or the late Constitution in relation to the bribery of voters, or preventing legal votes or procuring illegal votes to be given, (and if a Governor, Senator, member of the House of Delegates or judge,) that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits or any part of the profits of any other office during the term of my acting as ——; and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and support, protect and defend the Constitution, laws and government thereof as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any State to the contrary notwithstanding; and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will to the best of my ability, protect and defend the Union of the United States and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the Government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances, if in my power to prevent it, and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction."

Section 2. And be it enacted, that the several officers of registration shall register, as a qualified voter, every person who shall apply for registration and claim the benefit of this act, upon his taking the oath (or affirmination) hereinbefore first set out in the first section thereof, provided he is in other respects entitled to vote, by having the requisite qualifications of age, citizenship and residence, and be not disqualified under the third and fifth sections of the first article of the Constitution, and if any officer of registration shall refuse to register, as a qualified voter, any person so as aforesaid applying to be registered, or if any judge of election shall refuse to receive the vote of such person when registered, he shall upon conviction thereof, before any court having criminal jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine of not less tnan one hundred, and not more than five hundred dollars for each offence, and be imprisoned until said fine and the costs of prosecution be fully paid and satisfied, and shall also be liable in an action for damages at the suit of the party aggrieved.

Section 3. And be it enacted, that all courts, and State, county, township and municipal officers of this State shall take notice of the provisions of this act, without requiring it be specially pleaded, set up or relied on, and shall give the full effect and benefit thereof to any person embraced within the general description of the first section of this act, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the name of such person had been expressed and set out specially in the said forgoing section.

Section 4. And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We certify that the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act which passed the General Assembly of Maryland, (two-thirds of all the members elected to each House voting in the affirmative) March 20th 1867.

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary of the Senate.
W. R. COLE,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates.
April 6, 1867—1t.

SEED POTATOES.

EARLY DIKEMAN, Pink Eye, Peach Blow, Carter and Cusco Seed Potatoes—for sale at the TRAPPE CORNER.
March 23, 1867.

Notice.

KENT County Teachers' Association.—The regular meeting of the County Association will take place at the Public School House in Chestertown, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1867,

at 10 o'clock, A. M. Important business will be transacted. Punctual attendance is requested.

WM. GALLIGHER, Prest.
JNO. F. COPPER, Sec'y.
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