LOCAL LAWS for KENT COUNTY

Passed at Session of Maryland Legislature, 1890.

THE CHESTER BRIDGE LAW.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT supplementary to "an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Kent county and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county to purchase the capital stock of the Chester Bridge Company, and to provide for for the payment thereof by levies on the taxable inhabitants of said counties, and to make said bridge a free public bridge or thoroughfare, and to appoint a keeper thereof, and to provide for the payment of the keeper's salary and keeping said bridge in repair, and to provide for the taking of the sense of the people of said counties preliminary to the exercise of the aforesaid powers," passed at the January session of 1888, of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter 376, and to vest other and additional powers in the County Commissioners of said counties relating to the purchase of the capital stock of said Chester Bridge Company.

WHEREAS, By chapter 376, of the Acts of 1888, the County Commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county, respectively, were authorized to purchase the bridge across Chester River at Chestertown, belonging to the Chester River Bridge Company, and to provide for the payment thereof by levies on the taxable inhabitants of said counties, and to make said bridge a free public bridge or thoroughfare; and

Whereas, Said Chester Bridge Company was designated in said Act the "Chester River Bridge Company;" and

Whereas, It is desired to correct the error in the name of said Chester Bridge Company, and to modify and change some of the conditions of the purchase authorized by said Act; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Kent county and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, respectively, instead of providing for the payment of the capital stock and property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Chester Bridge Company, in case of the purchase thereof in three equal annual instalments of one, two and three years by levies as provided in said Act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby respectively authorized, empowered and directed to issue coupon bonds of their respective counties, according to their respective proportions of the sum necessary to purchase said capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges as may be agreed on between them in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and to an amount not exceeding their respective proportions or par value of the capital stock of said Chester Bridge Company, or such other sums less than that as may be required to make said purchase, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable annually, and to mature and fall due as follows: one-third of the whole amount thereof in eleven years from the date of issuing the same; one-third thereof in thirteen years from the date of issuing the same, and the remaining third thereof in fifteen years from the date of issuing the same, and the bonds issued under this Act shall not be liable to taxation for State, county, municipal or town purposes, and said bonds issued by the County Commissioners of Kent county shall be signed by the President of said Board of County Commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said Board of County Commissioners; and said bonds issued by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county shall be signed by the President of said Board of county Commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said Board of County Commissioners; and the said County Commissioners, jointly or severally, are authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of said bonds at not less than their par value, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Chester Bridge Company, and the said Commissioners shall, respectively, levy annually on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds to be issued as aforesaid for their respective counties, and shall respectively, levy on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties, a sum of money sufficient to pay the principal of said bonds to be issued by them respectively, as aforesaid, as they mature, and that said purchase, if practicable, shall be effected at the earliest date possible.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Commissioners for their respective counties are authorized and empowered to levy on the taxable property of their respective counties, in such proportions as may be agreed on between them, a sum or sums of money sufficient to place said bridge in safe and satisfactory condition for public use and travel, excepting that no steam engine, traction or any other kind, shall be permitted to pass over said bridge, without the written authority of a majority of each of the Board of Commissioners for said counties.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the County Commissioners of Kent county and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county, respectively, shall have agreed with the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company for the purchase of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said Bridge Company, as authorized by the Act of 1888, chapter 376, to which this Act is a supplement, which capital stock, property franchises, rights and privileges the said Bridge Company is hereby authorized to sell to said counties; and whenever the purchase money so agreed on shall have been paid, then the said Chester Bridge Company is hereby authorized to convey to the said commissioners of Kent county and Queen Anne's county, by deed as authorized in said Act of 1888, chapter 376, the said bridge over the Chester river, together with the toll house and grounds, the capital stock and all franchises of said Chester Bridge Company, not including, however, any judgments, mortgages, bank stock, securities, investments, claims or accounts against individuals belonging to said Chester Bridge Company, and that thereafter said bridge shall be taken, held and perpetuated as a free public bridge between said counties.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any person having any right of action against said County Commissioners for or on account of said bridge, may sue either Board of Commissioners as he may elect; and for any recovery in any such suit the commissioners of the other county shall be liable to contribute in proportion to its ownership in said bridge.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county, a majority of each concurring, shall have full power and authority to make reasonable rules and regulations for the use of said bridge by the public, and for the protection of said bridge and other property belonging thereto or therewith, and to enforce the observance thereof by imposing upon the party violating the same any reasonable fine not exceeding ten dollars for any violation thereof, which fines shall be collected as small debts are now collected, and shall be recovered in the name of the County Commissioners of said counties before any Justice of the Peace of either of said counties in which the party violating such rules and regulations shall be found, and on failure or refusal to pay, and inability to collect by legal process, the party so fined shall be committed to the county jail of the county for a period not exceeding ten days, in the same manner as commitments are made for fines imposed by the Circuit Courts of this State on conviction for misdemeanor, and the Justice of the Peace shall make this a part of his judgment, "and said fines shall be applied to the keeping of said bridge in repair."

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the deed from said Chester Bridge Company to said County Commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county shall be recorded in both of said counties.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the levies under this Act and the act to which this is a supplementary, shall not, nor shall any part thereof be paid or be payable to the Town Commissioners of Chestertown, and that section 71, of Article 13, of the Code of Public Local Laws, titled "Kent County," sub-title "Chestertown," shall not apply to nor effect any levies for the purchase or repair of said bridge.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all parts of the Act to which this is a supplement which are inconsistent with this Act, and only such parts thereof, and no other, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That upon the completion of said purchase and sale, and the execution and delivery of said deed, said Chester Bridge Company shall be released from all liability for or on account of said bridge.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 14th, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, GOVERNOR.

R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.
JOHN HUBNER, Speaker of House of Delegates.

State of Maryland, set.:

I, SPENCER C. JONES, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the original law belonging to and deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk, and affixed the seal of the SEAL] said Court of Appeals, this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D., 1890.

SPENCER C. JONES,
Clerk Court of Appeals of Maryland.

April 26, 1890—3t.

THE HIGH LICENSE LAW.

CHAPTER 517.

AN ACT to enable the qualified voters of Kent county to determine by ballot, whether spirituous or fermented liquors shall not be sold in said county, or shall be sold only as hereinafter provided, and to repeal all acts inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article Fifteen of the Code of the Public Local Laws, "title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," shall not remain in force on and after the first day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, and that all acts, or part of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be repealed, after said last mentioned date, provided however that this act shall not be construed to repeal said Article Fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," prior to the First day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, or to effect any offence already committed, or which may be committed before this act shall take effect, but all such offences may be prosecuted and punished under the law existing at the time of the commission of said respective offences, and provided further, that if for any reason this act shall not take effect on the First day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, the said article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," shall continue to remain in force until other laws shall be enacted in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the question whether or not any person, or persons, house, company, association or body corporate, as hereinafter described, may be licensed in Kent county, of this State, by whom, or in which spirituous or fermented liquor or intoxicating drinks may be sold, or whether or not no license to sell the same in the said county shall be issued, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said county on Saturday, the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the sheriff of said county, shall, at least three weeks previous to said election, cause public notice to be given of the submission of said question by advertisement, set up at the most public places within each election district of said county, and also by advertisement in two newspapers of greatest circulation therein, which said advertisement shall contain a copy of this act, and of the time and place of holding the said election, and the cost of such advertisement and handbills shall be paid by the county commissioners of said county, but if for any cause said notice shall not be given, said failure shall not effect the validity of this act, or operate to prevent its taking effect.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That ballots cast at said election on the question of license or no license to be counted as deciding for or against the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors or intoxicating drinks in said county, shall have printed or written on them the words, For License, or Against License, and the votes cast for license and the votes cast against license shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election in the respective election districts of said county and the number of votes for license and the number of votes against license shall be certified by them, and the return judges of said election shall meet at the court-house on the Tuesday next after said election and cast up the whole vote for license and against license in said district, and shall make a separate written return of said whole vote to the clerk of the circuit court for Kent county, and said clerk shall record among the records of his office, and shall prepare a certificate proclaiming the result of such election in said county, and cause said certificate to be published within ten days after said returns have been received by him once in all the newspapers published in said county.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That if it shall appear by the returns of said judges and certified to said clerk that a majority of said votes have been cast against license for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in Kent county, then, and in that event article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent county," subtitle "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," and all amendments or supplementary act thereto shall remain in full force and effect in said county.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That if it shall appear by the return of said judges and the certificate of said clerk that a majority of such votes have been cast for license for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in Kent county, then and in that event section one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty-nine, one hundred and fifty and one hundred and fifty-one of article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," be and the same is hereby repealed and the following sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be called one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty nine, one hundred and fifty, one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-one A, one hundred and fifty-one B, one hundred and fifty-one C, one hundred and fifty-one D, one hundred and fifty-one E, one hundred and fifty-one F, one hundred and fifty-one G, one hundred and fifty-one H, one hundred and fifty-one I, one hundred and fifty-one K, one hundred and fifty-one L, one hundred and fifty-one M, one hundred and fifty-one N, one hundred and fifty-one O.

SEC. 148. No person in Kent county shall obtain a license for the sale or barter of spirituous or fermented liquors or intoxicating drinks of any kind, or in any quantity whatever, except such as shall be qualified as hereinafter provided.

149. Any person in Kent county who will keep a house for the reception of guests, or of permanent or transient boarders, containing at least five chambers more than are needed for his family purposes, and which said five or more chambers are used for the reception of guests or permanent or transient boarders, containing therein for use at all times at least six good beds with sufficient covering therefor, and having upon his premises a stable or stabling sufficient for the accommodation of six or more horses shall be deemed and considered to be a hotel keeper within the meaning of this act.

150. Any person in Kent county, whether a hotel keeper or not, desiring to take out a license under this act, may file a petition with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county setting forth that the applicant wishes to sell spirituous or fermented liquors, and shall describe therein the premises to be occupied by said applicant; and provided the said applicant shall file with petition a written certificate signed by eight freeholders, resident citizens within the limits of the town or of the election district wherein the said applicant desires to sell, setting forth their belief that the applicant for such license will keep an orderly house and duly observe all the provisions of this act; and each person signing said certificate shall make affidavit before said Clerk, or before a Justice of the Peace of said county, that he is the owner of real estate in the election district wherein he resides of the assessed value of at least five hundred dollars, and that he has not during the current year signed a certificate for any other person applying for license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors within said district; and said applicant, if for a hotel license, shall satisfy the said Clerk, by his own oath, and by the oath of two respectable and disinterested witnesses, of their belief therein, that he has bona fide and without intending to evade the spirit and meaning of this act, duly provided, and will maintain and keep for use at least five chambers more than are needed for private or family purposes of said hotel keeper, to be used for the reception of guests or permanent or transient boarders, and at least six beds with sufficient covering therefor, with stabling for at least six horses, all of said chambers and beds to be and remain on the said premises on which spirituous or fermented liquors is by this act licensed to be sold, and each and every applicant, whether a hotel keeper or not, shall file in the office of said Clerk a bond, duly executed to the State of Maryland, with at least two sureties to be approved by said Clerk, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful observance of the provisions of this act; and the payment of any and all fines, penalties and damages which may be imposed or recovered under this act, provided that each surety on said bond shall make affidavit before said Clerk, or before a Justice of the Peace of said county, that said surety is the owner in fee simple of unencumbered real estate in Kent county of the assessed value of at least one thousand dollars, and that said surety has not within the current year executed a bond for any other applicant to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in Kent county. The Clerk of the Circuit Court may, in his discretion, require such further and other proof by the written affidavit of other parties as to the sufficiency of said bond, as he may deem proper; and if said Clerk shall wilfully or negligently grant a license to any person who shall not have complied with the provisions of this act, said Clerk shall, upon indictment and conviction therefor, be fined not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars for each offense.

151. No license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in Kent county shall be granted to any hotel keeper who shall have complied with the provisions of this act until such applicant, in addition to the sum or sums now required, or which hereafter may be required to be paid by the general license law of the State, shall also pay to said clerk the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid to the county commissioners of Kent county by said clerk for the use of said county.

151 A. No license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in Kent county shall be granted to any applicant other than a hotel keeper within the meaning of this act, who shall have complied with the provisions of this act, unless said applicant in addition to the sum or sums of money now required or that may hereafter be required to paid by the general license law of the State, shall also pay for a keeper of a restaurant the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and for the keeper of a grocery to sell in unbroken packages or in quantities not less than one pint, and not to be drunk on the premises, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to said clerk, and by him paid to the county commissioners of Kent county for the use of said county.

151 B. All sums received by said clerk for license issued under this act shall be accounted for and paid over by said clerk to the County Commissioners of Kent county on the first day of March, June, September and December of each year, and the official bond of said Clerk shall be liable for all of said sums received for licenses issued under this Act; and said Clerk shall, in additionto fees now allowed by law, be entitled to receive the sum of one dollars for approving and filing the bond and other paper of applicants, and five per cent. commission on all sums paid by him to said County Commissioners under this Act, said fees and commissions to be paid by applicant for license without deduction from the sum to be paid to the county.

151 C. All licenses issued under this Act shall expire on the 1st day of May next thereafter, but licenses may be issued for a shorter period than one year upon the payment of a proportionate part of the license fee herein before provided for; licenses issued under this Act shall be transferable as Traders' License now are under the general law of this State; provided that when any license under this act shall be granted or assigned to any minor or female, and provided that when any license granted under this act is assigned, the bonds of the assignor shall be liable for the act of the assignee as fully and to the same extent as said bond is liable for the acts of said assignor.

151 D. Any person who shall sell, directly or indirectly, at any place in Kent county any spirituous or fermented liquor or intoxicating drinks of any kind without first having obtained a license as required by this act, shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and failing to pay such fine and cost of prosecution forthwith shall be sentenced to be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a term of not less than six months nor more than one year.

151 E. No person obtaining a license under this act shall permit minors to enter the bar room or other place where liquor is sold, unless said minor is accompanied by the parent or guardian of such minor, nor shall any person obtaining a license under this act, his agents, servants or employees, sell, directly or indirectly, or give away at his, their or its place of business any spirituous or fermented liquors, alcoholic bitters, or intoxicating drinks of any kind whatsoever, to any minor, or to any person known to such vendor to be purchasing or receiving such liquors or intoxicating drinks as the agent of or on behalf of, or at the request of, any minor.

151 F. Any person who shall violate the provisions of the preceding section shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, and the license of such person may be suppressed, in the discretion of the court.

151 G. No vendor of spirituous or fermented liquors licensed under this act shall sell, directly or indirectly, any spirituous or fermented liquor to any person who is intoxicated at the time, nor shall it be lawful for any such licensed vendor to keep open the room where spirituous or fermented liquors are sold between the hours of twelve o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning, nor to sell, directly or indirectly, or give away in such room, or on or about the premises of such vendor, any spirituous or fermented liquor whatsoever between the hours aforesaid.

151 H. Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than thirty nor more than ninety days, at the discretion of the court.

151 I. Whenever any license shall be suppressed for any violation of this act it shall not be lawful for the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county at any time to grant another license under this act to the person whose license has been suppressed, nor to grant a license to any other person to sell spirituous or fermented liquors upon the premises covered by the license suppressed, for the term of twelve months from the date of such suppression.

151 K. Any person who shall fraudulently procure a license as a hotel keeper without having complied in good faith with the provisions of this act defining hotel keepers, shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars; the license granted shall be suppressed by the court, and it shall be unlawful for the Clerk to issue any other license for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors to such person.

151 L. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize any sale or barter or giving away of any spirituous or fermented liquor on the Sabbath day, commonly called Sunday, or on the day of election held in said county, under the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

151 M. On any prosecution under this act it shall only be necessary to state that the traverser did sell or give away spirituous or fermented liquors, without specifying the particular kind or quantity of liquor sold or given away.

151 N. All fines imposed and collected under this act shall be paid to the County Commissioners of Kent county for the use of said county.

151 O. All prosecutions for violations of any of the provisions of this act shall be upon presentment and indictment, and it shall be the duty of any Justice of the Peace for Kent county, upon information received and confirmed by the oath of a credible witness, to have any person arrested and committed to the county jail for a violation of the provisions of this act, unless such person shall give sufficient bail or recognizance with sureties to appear before the Circuit Court for Kent county at the next succeeding term thereof, to answer the charge.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8th, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a correct copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates
SAMUEL COMEGYS,
Sheriff of Kent county

apr12-3t. April 19, 1890—te.

Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks.

CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to add additional Sections to Article fifteen of the Code (1888) of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "Liquors, and Intoxicating Drinks," prohibiting corporations in Kent county formed under the provisions of the general laws of the State for the creation and maintenance of Educational, Moral, Scientific, Literary, Dramatic, Musical, Social, Benevolent or Beneficial Societies or Associations, which shall sell, give, furnish or dispense to the members thereof, "any spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters," or any intoxicating drinks of any kind or description whatever," from admitting to membership persons under twenty-one years of age; and also all persons not *bona fide* residents of Kent county, and to make members of such corporations competent witnesses in certain legal proceedings, and to provide penalties for the violation of this Act, to be known as sub-sections A and B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections be added to Article fifteen "of the Code (1888) of the Public Local Laws, entitled "Kent County," sub-title "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," to be known as Sub-Sections A and B.

Sub-Section A. It shall not be lawful for any corporation heretofore formed, or hereafter to be formed in Kent county, under the provisions of the general laws of the State, for the creation and maintenance of educational, moral, scientific, literary, dramatic, musical, social, benevolent or beneficial societies or associations of all descriptions, which corporation shall give, sell, furnish or dispense to the members thereof any spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters, or any intoxicating drinks of any kind or description, to admit to membership any person under twenty-one years of age or any person not a *bona fide* resident of Kent county, and upon the conviction, in the Circuit Court for Kent county, of any corporation for having violated any provision of this Act, the said court shall pass an order forfeiting the charter of said corporation.

Sub-Section B. In any proceeding, suit or prosecution against any such corporation, or against any agent, employee or member thereof, for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or for the violation of any of the provisions of the Acts of Assembly in reference to the traffic in intoxicating drinks in Kent county, the plaintiff petitioner, or the State shall have the right to call as a witness any member, manager, agent or employee of such corporation; and upon the failure or refusal of any such person to answer any proper, pertinent or relavent question, the court shall commit such person to the county jail for a period of not less than thirty days.

Provided, That any such member, manager, agent or employee, testifying in answer to such questions, shall never be prosecuted for any offence, crime or misdemeanor for which his evidence might tend to criminate him.

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

Approved April 3, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
a17-3t. Chief Clerk.

Fish and Terrapin Law.

CHAPTER 594.

AN ACT to repeal section two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1888, chapter one hundred and fifty-one as now embodied in the Code of Public Local Laws being section one hundred and eighteen, title "Kent County," sub-title "Fish and Terrapins," and being section one hundred and sixty-eight of the Code of Public Local Laws, title Queen Anne's County, sub-title "Fish and Terrapins," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter one hundred and fifty-one, as embodied in the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Fish and Terrapins," and in the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Queen Anne's County," sub-title "Fish and Terraplins," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person to take, capture or destroy fish in the waters of Chester river or its tributaries in the counties of Kent or Queen Anne's by seines, drag-nets, set-nets, fish-buckets, fish-pots, weirs, pound-nets, fykes, or any other means or contrivance whatever, which is now known or used in the capturing or destroying fish, or which may hereafter be invented for that purpose from the thirtieth day of June to the first day of August, except with hook and line; provided, however, that seines or nets may be used for the taking of taylors and mackeral fish; provided, the meshes of such nets or seines are in the bar not less than one and seven-eighth inches, or in the mesh not less than three and three-quarter inches.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act will take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8th, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates.

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C. M. LUCAS'

—FOR—

WALTHAM and ELGIN

Watches.

Jan. 25, 1890.

1st *Lady.*—Have you new Rubbers?
2nd *Lady.*—Why, no! These are the old ones dressed with

Wolff's ACME Blacking

It makes them look like new; and my shoes also dressed with it, hold their polish UNDER the rubber, even should the snow creep in.

Change a Pine Table to Walnut.
A Poplar Kitchen Press to Antique Oak.
A Cane Rocker to Mahogany.
See what can be done with 25c. worth of

PIKRON

SMALL PKG. ONE POUND. EXPELLED FROM COOKS. TRY IT.

WOLFF & RANDOLPH, Philadelphia.
Ask in *Drug, Paint and House Furnishing Stores.*

Law Reducing Sheriff's Fees.

CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to repeal section one hundred and ninety-nine, of Article fifteen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Sheriff," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section one hundred and ninety-nine, of Article fifteen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Sheriff," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 199. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriff of Kent county shall be entitled to receive a sum, not exceeding fifty cents a day for boarding and keeping each prisoner committed to his custody, until the first day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the said sheriff shall be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding thirty-five cents a day for boarding and keeping each prisoner committed to his custody, and the said sheriff is hereby required to keep a book at the jail, which he shall procure for the purpose, in which he shall record the name of each prisoner committed to his custody, and by what authority; the time when received and the offence charged; and also the date of his discharge; which book shall be open to the inspection of the county commissioners, State's Attorney and grand jury; and should the sheriff neglect to keep said book, or to comply with any of the duties which he is hereby required to perform, he shall be liable to conviction in the Circuit Court for Kent county, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 3, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
a17-3t. Chief Clerk.

Public Printing Law.

CHAPTER 556.

AN ACT to regulate and limit the sum to be paid for public printing in Kent County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Kent county shall before making their annual levy in each and every year, contract for printing and publishing all such matters as are required by law to be published in two papers, except the public local laws which may be passed at each session of the General Assembly, in two newspapers, and not more than two, which papers shall be of largest circulation published in Kent county, for the period of one year from the date of making such contract; and if unable to contract with such papers then the County Commissioners are authorized to contract with any two papers published in said county, for said printing; provided, said contract shall not allow for such printing and publication a sum exceeding in the aggregate the sum of one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the said County Commissioners shall not succeed in effecting said contract with any two papers published in Kent county, then they are hereby authorized to contract with any paper or papers published in said county, or with any person elsewhere to do the work aforesaid, in hand-bill or pamphlet form for a sum not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of one thousand dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in event of publication aforesaid in hand-bill or pamphlet form, said County Commissioners shall provide in their discretion for posting said hand-bills in a sufficient number of public places in said county, and for distribution of said pamphlets for the information of the public.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8th, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

OFFICE SECRETAY OF THE SENATE,
Annapolis, Md., April 9th, 1890.

The aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act passed at the recent session of the General Assembly.

W. G. PURNELL, Secretary.

Law Authorizing the County Commissioners to Borrow $5000 to Pay Cash for Work on Roads.

CHAPTER 248.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Kent county to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying cash for work on the public roads, and to provide for the payment of the same by levy in the year 1890.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Kent county are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum, and to execute their note or bond as County Commissioners therefor, and said commissioners are hereby directed and authorized to levy at once, upon the negotiation of said loan, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money, necessary to pay said five thousand dollars and the interest thereon; and the money so borrowed shall be used by said County Commissioners to pay cash for work on the public roads of said county during the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and account therefor in their annual account of the expenses of the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

OFFICE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,
Annapolis, Md., April 9th, 1890.

The aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act passed at the recent session of the General Assembly.

W. G. PURNELL, Secretary.

Turner's Creek Law.

CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT to change the name of Turner's Creek in Kent county to Turner's River.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*. That the branch of Sassafras river now known as Turner's Creek, extending from said river to the steamboat landing at the head of said creek, and upon which a public landing and Janvier's wharf are located, shall hereafter be called and known as Turner's River.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 21, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.

JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates.
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1890.

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A Sharp Who Could Put Water Into a Filled Bottle.

Sauntering up to the counter of one of the booths at the recent State fair a distinguished-looking stranger began toying with a common black bottle. "You wouldn't believe I could put more water in this bottle than any other man on these grounds, would you?" he asked, carelessly.

A handful of rustics gathered in front of the place, gazed at the stranger incredulously. "I wouldn't, that's a fact," one of them remarked, knowingly.

"And yet," resumed the stranger, "I am ready to bet twenty dollars that I can do it."

Upon hearing this statement your uncle edged cautiously away, while the knowing fellow stepped briskly to the front. "You say you'll bet twenty dollars on it," he remarked, in a voice trembling with excitement.

"That's what I said."

"Let me see that bottle," demanded the seeker after knowledge.

The bottle was passed among the crowd and after due examination was pronounced worthy of confidence. After some discussion of ways and means, interested parties formed a syndicate with a capital of $5, which sum was instantly covered by the stranger. An individual, presumably disinterested, was chosen to hold the stakes, and the knowing chap was appointed to fill the bottle. Having turned in water till the vessel was running over, he remarked with a grin:

"There, I guess she's 'bout as full as she can hold. If you can crowd any more water into her, mister, go ahead."

Without saying a word, the businesslike stranger proceeded to cork the bottle tightly; then he turned it upside down, and in the large hollow which is found at the bottom of most bottles he poured two or three gills of water. "I'll trouble you to hand over that money," he said to the stakeholder when he had done the trick.

Then arose a chorus of complaints. "It wasn't fair!" "The water ain't in the bottle." "The hull thing's a swindle," vociferated the duped rustics. Meanwhile the stranger coolly pocketed the stakes, bade the dissatisfied jokers "goodday," and in another moment was far from the maddening crowd.

Talking for the Farmers.

The United States Senate committee on agriculture and forestry had under consideration Senator Vance's bill to provide for a system of warehouses for farm produce throughout the country, to be operated by the government, which is to issue its notes upon deposits of grain therein.

Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, read a long argument in support of the measure, which he said was formulated by the committee appointed for that purpose by the convention of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Alliance, held in St. Louis, Dec. 3, '89. He sketched the decline in agricultural values in the face of marvelous progress and development of other industries and interests during the past two decades, and insisted that something should be done for the farmer. He charged the fault upon the financial system of the government which had resulted in high-priced money and low-priced products. The remedy Col. Polk suggested was three-fold.

1. Restore silver to its dignity and place as a money metal, with all the rights of coinage and all the qualities of legal tender which gold possesses.

2. Issue sufficient amounts of currency direct to the people at a low rate of interest to meet the legitimate demands of the business of the country, and which shall be legal tender for all debts, public and private.

3. Secure to such issue equal dignity with the money metals, by basing it on real, tangible, substantial values.

Col. Polk was followed by Dr. C. W. McCune, chairman of the national committee on legislation of the alliance, who addressed himself more particularly to the merits and details of the system of warehouses as outlined in the bill. He asserted that merchandise thus stored would not deteriorate below market standard, and that the system had proved feasible and practicable in California, where the Grangers' Bank, in 1889, loaned $3,000,000 on certificates issued to farmers on wheat deposited in warehouses owned and controlled by them.

HOUSE-HUNTING.—Matron (astonished)—Nine hundred dollars a year! Do I understand you correctly? Janitor—That's what I said, mum. Is the figures too high? Matron (recovering herself)—No, the figures is all right, but (haughtily) the neighborhood does not exactly suit me. Janitor (apologetically)—It is a pretty swell neighborhood, mum, that's a fact.

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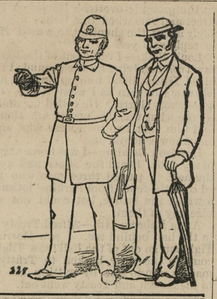

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