taken and subscribed by the members thereof, said organization shall be a legally organized company of the Militia of this State, subject to the requirements and entitled to all the benefits and privileges of this Article and the provisions of this Section, together with the other provisions of the said Article 65 shall be construed to apply to all Militia organizations heretofore organized under this Section, as well as those hereafter organized, and shall include both land and naval Militia organizations, but such organizations shall not be considered in any manner as a part of the Maryland National Guards or entitled to any participation in any appropriation for the support thereof.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT to repeal section two hundred and thirty-three of Article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments" sub-title "Rape," and chapter four hundred and ten of the Acts of Assembly of Eighteen hundred and ninety, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section two hundred and thirty-three of Article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Rape" and chapter four hundred and ten of the Acts of Assembly of Eighteen hundred and ninety, be and the same are here repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 233. If any person shall carnally know and abuse any woman child under the age of fourteen years, or knowingly, carnally know and abuse any woman who is an imbecile *non compos mentis*, or insane, of any age whatever, every such carnal knowledge, shall be deemed felony, and the offender being convicted thereof, shall at the discretion of the court suffer death, or imprisonment for life in the penitentiary, or for a definite period, not less than eighteen months nor more than twenty one years.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL.
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
March 24th, 1892.

CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, section three of Article ten of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys In Fact."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section three of Article ten of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys In Fact," be and the same is hereby repealed, and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 3. Upon every such application from any male citizen of Maryland, above the age of twenty-one years and who shall have been a student of law in any part of the United States for at least two years previous to said application shall be the duty of the court to which such application shall be made to appoint an examining board of not less than three members of the bar, who shall examine the applicant in the presence of the Court touching his qualification for admission as an Attorney, and the said Court shall also require and receive evidence of his probity and general character, and, if upon such actual examination, and being satisfied that he has been a student of law for at least two years, and having heard evidence of his probity and general character, the said Court shall be of the opinion that said applicant is qualified to discharge the duties of an Attorney and worthy to be admitted, the said Court shall admit him. And the circuit courts for the counties, and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, are authorized to appoint a permanent examining board, but no member of said board shall be appointed for a longer period than one year. Graduates of the law department of the University of Maryland, and of the law department of the Baltimore University shall be entitled to admission upon the production of their diplomas, without undergoing such examination and upon offering such evidence of their probity and general character as the court shall require.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL.
Secretary of the Senate
Approved by the Governor,
March 1st, 1892.

CHAPTER 409.

AN ACT to repeal section two hundred and seventy-three of Article ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section two hundred and seventy-three of Article ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Register of Wills" be and the same is hereby repealed, and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

273. The Comptroller shall, from time to time limit and fix the number and compensation of assistant clerks or deputies to be employed by any such register, and no account for compensation for services of any assistant clerk, deputy or other person employed in performing any of the duties pertaining to the office of any such register shall be allowed until such assistant, deputy or other person employed shall have certified, under oath, that the said services have been performed, that he has received the full sum therein charged his own use and benefit, and that he has not paid, deposited or assigned, nor contracted to pay deposit or assign any part of such compensation to the use of any person, nor in any way directly or indirectly paid or given, nor contracted to pay or give, any reward or compensation for his office or employment, or the emoluments thereof, and such Registers of Wills are hereby authorized to appoint such assistant, clerks and deputies, and when duly qualified as such, said assistant, clerks and deputies shall have power and authority, in the absence of the register, to act in the place and stead of the register in all matters pertaining to the duties of the office of Register of Wills, and all such acts heretofore performed by any such assistant, clerk or deputy are hereby expressly ratified and confirmed, as if they had been performed by the Register of Wills in person.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 663.

AN ACT to repeal, amend and re-enact section forty-two, of Article twenty-one of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Conveyancing," sub-title "Bills of Sale" relating to acknowledgements of Bills of Sale.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section forty-two of Article twenty-one of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Conveyancing," sub-title "Bills of Sale," be and the same hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 42. A Bill of Sale or chattel if mortgage acknowledged within this State, may be acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds within this State. In the same manner as deeds are acknowledged, or acknowledged as certified.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 619.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 9 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Justice of the Peace" sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section nine of Article fifty-two of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Justice of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction," be and the same is hereby repealed, amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 9. The jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace extends to cases where administrators or parties, plaintiffs or defendants except that no administrator shall be sued before a justice within twelve months from the date of his letters, provided that in the City of Baltimore the said suits may be brought within three months from the date of such letters.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing ista correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 538.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 19 and 42 of Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 19 and 42 of Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," be, and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SECTION 19. The Board of County School Commissioners is hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Board of County School Commissioners of ——— County and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to sue and be sued to have and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure to alter or break, and to exercise all the powers and privileges hereby granted to or vested in them; and every County School Commissioner, and County School Examiner, shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters pertaining to public schools, but without charge of fee.

SECTION 42. Whenever a school numbers more than forty children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the Board of County School Commissioners in their discretion; and for every additional forty children one teacher may be appointed, and the Board of County School Commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils so as to form a graded school.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 666.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Corporations," to be designated as Section thirty-nine A, (39 A.)

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section, designated thirty-nine A, be added to Article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," to follow Section thirty-nine of said Article and to read as follows:

39 A. When the aforesaid certificate of union shall have been executed, acknowledged and recorded as provided in Section 39 of this Article, all the property and assets belonging to said former separate corporations of whatsoever nature and description, and all the powers and rights, and all the debts and liabilities of said former separate corporations of whatsoever nature and description, shall, upon such recording as aforesaid, be devolved upon said new consolidated corporation, and every devise or bequest in favor of either of the former separate corporations, and which said former separate corporations would have been capable of taking, shall devolve upon said new consolidated corporation, which shall be regarded as substituted by operation of law in the room and stead of said former separate corporations.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 537.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article twenty of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," to be known as Section one hundred and forty-three.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section be added to Article twenty-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance Department," to be known as Section one hundred and forty-three to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Every insurance company doing business in any of the counties of this State, shall, during the month of April of each and every year, publish in at least one newspaper published in each of said counties for three consecutive weeks an abstract of the

annual statement as required by this article.

SECTION 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforgoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 654.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Pleading, Practice, Process," to be designated as Section 186 A.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following section be added to Article 16 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Pleading, Practice, Process," to be designated as Section 186 A.

SEC. 186 A. When any plaintiff, or any defendant, who has been duly summoned in to answer a bill or petition in any of the Equity Courts of this State, shall die before final decree leaving heirs at law or representatives, who should be made parties to said cause, or any one has been omitted, as a plaintiff or defendant in any equity cause, it shall not be necessary to file an amended bill or petition in said cause, but on a short petition setting forth their interest in said cause, they shall be made a party plaintiff, or if a defendant, the court shall cause a summons to be issued requiring said party or parties to answer said bill or petition as originally filed; and said short petition shall be taken and considered as a part of said bill.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 539.

AN ACT to extend the time during which passenger cars may be heated by stoves.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the date, fixed by the act of assembly of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, Chapter four hundred and seven, after which it should be no longer lawful for any steam railroad company to heat passenger cars with stoves be, and the same is hereby extended to February first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

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

We hereby certify that the aforgoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT to repeal section fifty-two of Article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section fifty-two of Article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Destroying Property Maliciously," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

Section 52. Any person who shall wilfully or maliciously injure or destroy any dwelling-house, out-house, stable, barn, warehouse store-house, banking-house, factory, workshop, court-house, school-house, church, mill-house, or take and carry away any growing tree, or cut down any tree, or destroy a vine, plant, shrubbery, root, vegetable, fruit or grain, or any fencing, cord-wood or hoop-poles shall on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and after presentment and indictment by a grand jury, and conviction, shall, in the discretion of the court be imprisoned in the penitentiary of this State for not less than one year, nor more than three years, or in the House of Correction, not exceeding three years, or in the city or county jail, not exceeding one year, or be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be both fined and imprisoned in jail as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
March 10th, 1892.

CHAPTER 561.

AN ACT to repeal Section 15 of Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Licenses," sub-title "Brokers," and to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 18 of said Article, as amended by Chapter 420 of the acts of 1890.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that Section 15 of Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Licenses," sub-title "Brokers" be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that Section 18 of said Article (as amended by Chapter 420 of the acts of 1890,) be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

18. Any person or partnership applying for the same and paying the sum of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents for each indi-

vidual or representative of such firm or partnership may obtain a license for carrying on the business of grain broker, coffee broker, cotton broker, sugar broker or merchandise broker in the city of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments Section Three of Article Twenty-one, of the Code of Public General Laws, title conveyancing as enacted by chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session Eighteen hundred and ninety.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section Three, of Article Twenty-one, of the Code of Public General Laws, title conveyancing as enacted by chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at January session Eighteen hundred and ninety, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

Three, If acknowledged within the State, but out of the county or city wherein the real estate or any part of it lies, the acknowledge- may be made before:

First, a Notary Public.

Second, Any Judge of the Circuit Court for the Circuit in which the grantor may be, or any Judge of the Orphans' Court for the County in which the grantor may be.

Third, Any Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or any Judge of the Orphans' Court of said City.

Fourth, Any Justice of the Peace for the County or City where the grantor may be at the time of the acknowledgement, the official character of the Justice being certified to by the Clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court under his official seal.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed Januarv Sesson, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
February 9th, 1892.

CHAPTER 42.

AN ACT to add two additional sections to Article Twenty-seven, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments" sub-title, "False Pretenses," designated as "Section Eighty-four A." and "Section Eighty-four B," relating to Frauds and False Pretenses against Hotel Keepers.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That two additional Sections, designated, "Eighty-four A," and "Eighty-four B," be added to Article Twenty-seven, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title False Pretenses, to follow after Section Eighty-four, and to read as follows:

84 A. If any person, with intent to cheat or defraud, shall, by any false or fraudulent representations, or by any false show of baggage, goods or chattels, which are calculated to deceive any hotel proprietor, keeper or manager, obtain lodging or credit, in any hotel in this State, and shall subsequently refuse, decline or fail to pay for his credit, board or lodging, the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or undergo an imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding three months, or both, or either at the discretion of the Court.

84 B. Every person who shall, at any hotel, receive, or cause to be furnished, any food or accommodation, (with intent to defraud the owner, keeper, proprietor or manager of any hotel, out of the value or price of such food or accommodation,) and every person who shall obtain credit, at any hotel, by the use of any false pretense or device, or by depositing at such hotel any baggage or other chattel of value, of less than the amount of such credit, or of the bill by such person incurred, with such fraudulent intent; and any person who after obtaining credit or accommodation at any hotel, shall abscond from such hotel, and shall surreptitiously remove his baggage or property therefrom, shall, upon conviction, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for a term not longer than three months, or by fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or both, or either, at the discretion of the Court.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892:

W. G. PURNELL.
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
March 21, 1892.

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments section three hundred and thirty-four of Article Ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Wills" as amended by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland of Eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter four hundred and sixteen entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, sections three hundred and thirty-one and three hundred and thirty-four, of article ninety-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law" sub-title "Wills."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section three hundred and thirty-four of article ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Testamentary Law" sub-title "Wills" as amended by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, of eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter four hundred and sixteen, entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, sections three hundred and thirty-one, and three hundred and thirty-four of Article ninety-three of the Code of Public and General Laws, title "Testamentary Law" sub-title "Wills," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

334. In proving a will or codicil all the witnesses thereto shall be examined if their attendance can be had, and the Register of Wills of any County or of the City of Baltimore, where any will shall have been filed for probate, or any deputy of his, when directed so to do by an order of the Orphans' Court, may examine and take the deposition of any or all of the witnesses thereto who from any cause cannot conveniently attend at the office of said Register of Wills, wherever he may find such witness or witnesses, whether within the State of Maryland or beyond its jurisdiction; provided that before the original Will is taken from the office of said Register of Wills for the purpose of being so proved, the said Register shall cause to be made out and filed among the records of his Court, a copy of said will duly certified under the seal of his court, and the probate of any will so taken shall have the same effect and be as valid as if all of the witnesses thereto had appeared before

and been examined by the Orphans Court or the Register of Wills of the County or City where the same had been filed for probate and record, provided further that the Orphans' Court may in their discretion, accept proof of any will, in the manner prescribed in Section 337 of this article, when the attendance of the witnesses thereto can not in the judgment of the said Court, be conveniently had.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
March 10th 1892.

CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to prohibit any corporation which under the Laws of this State, shall act as Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, Committee or Receiver, or in any one or more of those capacities, without bond or security other than its own obligation, in any case in which bond would be required in the like or similar capacity, from incurring the liability of a surety upon any bond.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that from and after the passage of this Act, no corporation, which under the Laws of this State, shall act as Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, Committee or Receiver, or in any one or more of those capacities, without bond or security other than its own obligation, in any case in which bond would be required from a natural person in the like or similar capacity, shall incur the liability of a surety upon any bond of any sort or description and all acts and parts of acts whether General or Special inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL.
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER.
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article twenty-seven to the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments" sub-title "Railroad Obstructing" to follow Section two hundred and thirty-one and to be known as Section two hundred and thirty-one A.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an additional section be, and the same is hereby added to Article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Railroad Obstructing," to follow Section two hundred and thirty-one, and to be known as Section two hundred and thirty-one A.

231 A. Any person who shall cling, climb, jump, step, or in any other way get upon any part of any locomotive, engine or car, whether the same be freight, passenger, coal or otherwise, upon any part of the tract of any Railroad within this State, unless in so doing they act in compliance with law, or any permission under the rules and regulations of the railroad company or corporation operating and managing such railroad shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace or any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars, or be subject to imprisonment in jail or in the Maryland House of Correction for not more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the justice of the peace trying the case, or court before whom the case may be tried, or if such person be a minor under sixteen years of age, he may in the discretion of the justice of the peace or any court trying the case, be committed to any reformatory institution provided by law and authorized to receive the same for such period as the justice of the peace or court may determine, not to exceed two years.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
April 7, 1892.

CHAPTER 227.

AN ACT to repeal the fourth section of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at January Session eighteen hundred and ninety, Chapter six hundred and eight, entitled "An Act to provide for State taxation on the revenues of certain foreign corporations mentioned in this Act, accruing from business done in the State of Maryland" and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the fourth section of the Act of the General Assembly passed at the January Session eighteen hundred and ninety, Chapter six hundred and eight, entitled "An Act to provide for State taxation on the revenues of certain foreign corporations, mentioned in this act, accruing from business done in the State of Maryland" be and the same is hereby repealed, and re-enacted to read as follows, viz.:

SECTION 4. That every such telephone company shall pay to the State Treasurer a tax of two per centum upon the gross amount of its receipts in this State, each such oil or pipe line company shall pay to the State Treasurer a tax of one per centum upon its gross receipts in this State, that each such electric light or electric construction company or corporation shall pay to the Treasurer of the State a tax at the rate of one-half of one per centum on the amount of gross receipts or revenues of such corporation in this State; that each parlor, palace or sleeping car company shall pay to the State Treasurer a tax at the rate two per centum upon the gross receipts of such corporation or company in this State; that each such guano, phosphate or fertilizer company shall pay to the State Treasurer a tax at the rate of one-half of one per centum upon the amount of the gross receipts of such company so returned or ascertained as provided for in this Act. If any such oil or pipe line company has part of its transportation line in this State and part thereof in another State or States, such company shall return a statement of its gross receipts for transportation of oil or petroleum over its whole line, together with a statement of the whole length of its line and the length of its line in this State, and such company shall pay to this State at the aforesaid rate upon such proportion of its said gross receipts as the length of its line in this State bears to the whole length of its line; if any such parlor, palace or sleeping car company, uses or permits the use of its cars on any railroad, part of which is in this State and part thereof in another State or States, such company shall return a statement of its gross receipts accruing from such use over the whole line of road or roads on which its cars are so used, with a statement of the whole length of such lines together with a statement of the length of such lines in this State, and such company shall pay to the State at the said rates herein before prescribed upon such proportion of its gross earnings as the length of the lines so used by it in this State bears to the whole length

of the lines so used by it, so that the proportion of said gross earnings of said companies respectively accruing from their business within this State may be accurately ascertained, or said ascertainment may be made in any other mode satisfactory to the State Tax Commissioner.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
March 30, 1892.

CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to amend Article Sixteen of the Code of Public General Laws, title Chancery, sub-title Infants by adding six additional sections thereto, to come in after Section 62 and to be numbered respectively 62 A, 62 B, 62 C, 62 D, 62 E and 62 F.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That six additional sections be added to Article Sixteen of the Code of Public General Laws, title Chancery, sub-title Infants, to come in after Section 62 to read as follows:

62 A. The several Chancery Courts of this State, upon the application of any person residing in the City or County where such application is made, shall have power to pass a decree declaring any minor child the adopted child of the petitioner, upon such reasonable notice to the parent or parents guardian or guardians of such child if any there be by summons order of publication or otherwise as the court may order to be given, provided that the court passing the decree shall become satisfied, upon careful investigation, that the best interests and welfare of such child will be thereby promoted, and provided further, that the child, if of sufficient intelligence and capacity to give an understanding assent shall so desire.

62 B. The husband and wife may file a petition jointly praying the court to decree the adoption by them jointly of any child, but no decree of adoption shall pass where the petitioner is a married person unless it be shown that the husband or wife of the petitioner consents to the adoption, or is hopeless.y insane, or that the parties are living apart under such circumstances as would entitle the petitioner to a divorce.

62 C. The effect of such decree of adoption shall be to entitle the child so adopted to the same rights of inheritance and distribution as to the petitioners estate and the same rights of protection, education and maintenance as if born to such petitioner in lawful wedlock, and the natural parents of such child shall be freed from all legal obligation towards it, Provided that where such child inherits property from its adopted parent of parents, upon its dying interstate without issue the property thus inherited shall descend and be distributed to the same persons who would take the same by inheritance and in course of distribution if the child had been the child of the adopted parents born to them in lawful wedlock provided however, that this shall not be construed to limit or interfere with the power of disposition over such property by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise by said adopted child.

62 D. If the petition contains a prayer to that effect the court may also decree that the name of the child be changed.

62 E. The term "Child" or its equivalent in a deed, grant, will or other written instrument shall be held to include any child adopted by the person executing the same, unless the contrary plainly appears by the terms thereof, whether such instrument be executed before or after the adoption.

62 F. Any inhabitant of any other State adopted as a child in accordance with the laws thereof, shall upon proof of such fact be entitled in this State to the same rights of inheritance and distribution as he would have enjoyed in the State where adopted except in so far as they may conflict with the provisions of this act.

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

We hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor,
March 31st, 1892.

CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 1 of Article forty-five of the Code of Public General Laws, title Husband and Wife.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section one of Article forty-five of the Code of Public General Laws title Husband and Wife, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so to read as follows:

1. The property real and personal belonging to a woman at the time of her marriage, and all property which she may acquire or receive after her marriage, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, bequest, descent, in a course of distribution or in any other manner shall be protected from the debts of the husband and not in any way be liable for the payment thereof; provided, that no acquisition of property passing to the wife from the husband after coverture, shall be valid if the same has been made or granted to her in prejudice of the rights of his subsisting creditors, who however must assert their claims within three years after the acquisition of the property by the wife or be absolutely barred, and for the purpose of asserting their rights under this Section claims of creditors of the husband not yet due and matured shall be considered as due and matured.

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

We hereby certify that the aforgoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1892.

W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
Approved by the Governor.
March 31st, 1892.

CHAPTER 142.

AN ACT to add a new section to the Code of Public General Laws, Article Twenty-seven, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title, "False Pretenses."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following be and is hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws, Article Twenty-seven, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title, "False Pretenses," to come in after Section Eighty-four, and to be known as Section Eighty-four A.

84 A. Any person who shall by any false and fraudulent representation in writing signed by him as to his own or his partner's pecuniary responsibility, wealth or mercantile correspondence or connections, obtain any loan of money or of property from any person, persons co-partnership or corporation and shall thereby defraud such person, persons co-partnership or corporation or who shall cause or procure another to make any false and fraudulent representation in writing, signed by the person making the same, as to the pecuniary responsibility wealth or mercantile correspondence or connection of the person who shall cause or procure such false representation to be made, or of any other person and shall thereby obtain any loan of money or of property from any person, persons co-partnership or corporation, and shall thereby defraud such persons, persons co-partnership or corporation shall be guilty

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