

such time as the Governor shall direct, to lay out and mark a road of the width of fifty feet, on the route as above mentioned, and shall make an accurate survey and draft thereof, and shall deposit a copy in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of York county, who shall enter the same as a record thereof, and the company incorporated by the Legislature of Maryland, and known by the name, style and title of "The Baltimore and Hartford turnpike company," are hereby authorised to open the same and keep it in repair.

Width of the road.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners shall receive two dollars for every day they shall be employed in the service aforesaid, with a reasonable compensation for other incidental expenses, which shall be paid by the counties respectively through which the said roads shall pass, in proportion to the distance of said roads in each county.

Compensation of commissioners.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER C.

AN ACT

To legalise and make valid the judicial acts of justices of the peace who have accepted of appointments under the United States, incompatible with their offices, and for other purposes.

SECT 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all official acts of any justice of the peace in this Commonwealth, who has heretofore accepted of any office or appointment incompatible with his said office of justice of the peace, and shall have thereafter acted as a justice under the laws of this Commonwealth, shall be valid in law, and shall have the same force and effect; to all intents and purposes, as if he had never accepted of any office or appointment under the United States: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to exonerate the said justices from the

Certain acts of justices of peace made valid.

Proviso.

penalties incurred under the act, entitled "An act declaring the holding of offices or appointments under this state incompatible with the holding or exercising offices or appointments under the United States," or so as to enable any justice to recover any costs or fees claimed by him, or to prevent the recovery from the said justice of any costs or fees which he may have received for acts done by him as a justice, during the time his commission was void under the said act.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CI.

AN ACT

Relative to suits brought by or against corporations.

Suits may be brought against corporations.

Proviso.

When judgment shall be rendered.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That suits may be brought against corporations by their corporate names, before any court or magistrate of competent jurisdiction, by summons, which may be served on the president or other principal officer, or on the cashier, treasurer, secretary or chief clerk of such corporation: *Provided,* That no suit shall be sustained on any bank note or notes payable to bearer or order on demand, unless demand shall have been first made for payment thereof at their banking house, office or treasury, and in case of non-payment, interest shall be recoverable on the same from the time of making such demand.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any corporation, summoned as aforesaid, shall not appear by their officer, agent or attorney, at the time mentioned in said summons, then or at any time afterwards, on proof of the service of the summons, by the oath or affirmation of the officer serving the same, judgment, by default, shall be rendered against said corporation, for the sum which to the court or magistrate shall appear to be due.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That execution against any corporate body, issued by a