

United before the acquiring such real property; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act.

C H A P. IV.

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An ACT to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Susanna Davis.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Sophia Davis, in behalf of her mother, Susanna Davis, that she is a very poor woman, having no means of support except by her labour, and of a very weak and infirm constitution; that she has supported her said mother, (who is now upwards of an hundred years old, and blind,) for several years past; and praying that a law may pass, authorising the levy court of Worcester county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the support and maintenance of her said mother; and the facts stated in said petition appearing to be true, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Worcester county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Susanna Davis, and that the same be collected annually by the collector or collectors of Worcester county, and paid to such person as the levy court of said county shall or may direct.

Court to levy money, &c.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT for the relief of Hugh Lemmon and James Burton, of Frederick county.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS Hugh Lemmon and James Burton, of Frederick county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since their emigration and settlement as aforesaid have acquired real property therein, and their title to such property, from their not having become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question, to their great detriment and injury; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the real property, lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid Hugh Lemmon and James Burton, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the persons aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been naturalized agreeable to said laws; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Hugh Lemmon and James Burton shall, on or before the first day of October next, proceed, according to law, to make themselves citizens of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm their title to the property above mentioned, nor shall they, or any person claiming under him, or either of them, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said Hugh Lemmon and James Burton, or either of them, shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, they may become citizens thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent them, or either of them, from transmitting or transferring his or their said property, by descent or devise, to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who is hereby declared capable in law to hold the same, or to any other person, being a citizen of the United States, capable in law to hold the same.

Title vested, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT authorising John Evans, James Cockran and Joseph Phillips, securities of Samuel Cowden, late sheriff of Cæcil county, to complete the collections of said sheriff.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of John Evans, James Cockran and Joseph Phillips, securities of Samuel Cowden, late sheriff of Cæcil county, that owing to the death of said Samuel Cowden, who has left his business in a very unsettled and unfinished state, they apprehend the most serious injury in the settlement of the bu-

Preamble.