

C H A P. XXIII. the said sum of money has already been collected from the people thereof, the same shall not again be levied and collected, and if it shall appear to them that any part thereof hath been collected, the balance only shall be laid and collected in virtue of this act; and provided also, that if the money directed to be levied on the inhabitants of Harford county should be more than sufficient to complete the said buildings, the surplus shall be applied in aid of the county charges.

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Passed December 22.

An ACT for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title in certain lands therein named.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Bartholomew Booth, late of Washington county, died seized in fee-simple of a certain tract of land, situate in the same county, called Delamere, containing seventeen hundred acres, or thereabouts, which, upon the death of the said Bartholomew, descended to his eldest son William, who executed a bond to convey the one moiety thereof to his brother Robert Booth, which said Robert Booth, by his last will and testament, bequeathed five hundred pounds current money to Priscilla, his wife, and also devised to the said Priscilla one moiety or half part of his real estate during her natural life, on the contingency expressed in said will, which hath since happened: And whereas there is good reason to believe, that the said William and Robert Booth perished at sea on their passage to Europe, leaving the said lands, by their several last wills, charged with the payment of sundry debts and legacies: And whereas the said John Booth, brother of the said William and Robert, heretofore residing in Great-Britain, hath lately taken the oath of naturalization, and become a citizen of this state, and hath, by his petition, requested, that the title to the said lands might be declared and confirmed to him by an act of the legislature, with such reservation, and on such conditions, as to them shall seem right: And whereas this general assembly have consented to release and give up to the said John Booth all the right, title, estate, interest and claim, of the state of Maryland, of, in and to, the said tract of land, upon his the said John Booth's securing the payment of all the debts due from his father, Bartholomew Booth, and each of his brothers, William and Robert Booth, and the several legacies bequeathed by the said Bartholomew, William and Robert Booth, to the creditors and legatees of the said Bartholomew, William and Robert Booth, and also the sum of fourteen hundred pounds current money, agreed to be paid by the said John Booth to Alexander Robinson and Priscilla his wife, in lieu of the legacy aforesaid of five hundred pounds from the said Robert Booth to the said Priscilla, and also in lieu and satisfaction of all the interest, estate, right, title, claims and demands, of the said Alexander Robinson and Priscilla his wife, and either of them, to the respective estates, both real and personal, of the said Bartholomew, William and Robert Booth, and of each of them, in America;

J. Booth invested with all right, &c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said John Booth, and his heirs, shall be invested with all the right, title, interest, claim and estate, of the state of Maryland, of, in and to, the said tract of land called Delamere, with the privileges and appertinances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, after the said John Booth shall have passed his bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of eight thousand pounds current money, with such security as the orphans court of Washington county shall approve, conditioned for his the said John Booth's paying and satisfying all and every of the creditors and legatees, (except the legacy of five hundred pounds bequeathed by Robert Booth to the said Priscilla) of the said Bartholomew, William and Robert Booth, and each of them, their several and respective claims, and also the said Alexander Robinson and Priscilla his wife, the aforesaid sum of fourteen hundred pounds current money, in manner and form following, to wit, at the expiration of three years from the fifteenth day of December, instant, and also the interest thereof annually, as stipulated by the bond of the said John Booth, to Alexander Robinson, bearing date the said fifteenth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, saving and reserving nevertheless to the said William*