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Passed Mar. 5, 1850. *An act to authorise Sophia A. Robertson, of Dorchester county, to sell certain real estate therein mentioned.*

## Preamble

WHEREAS, the husband of the said Sophia A. Robertson has, for many years past, been separate from her, living in a distant section of the United States, far beyond the limits of Maryland; *and whereas*, her said husband does not, in any way whatsoever, contribute to the support of his two sons, the maintenance of the said Sophia A. Robertson, and her children being entirely dependent upon an annuity of four hundred dollars, devised to the said Sophia A. Robertson, which annuity the Legislature of Maryland has heretofore, by an act for that purpose, authorised her to collect and receive, as if she was a feme sole; *and whereas*, the husband of the said Sophia A. Robertson holds no intercourse with his family, by correspondence or otherwise, but leaves his wife to struggle for herself and her children; *and whereas*, the late Dr. John Murray, of Dorchester county, by his last will and testament, which is recorded in Liber J C, number eleven, folio four hundred and thirty one, one of the record books in the office of the Register of Wills for Dorchester county, devised certain real estate to the said Sophia A. Robertson, then Sophia A. Maxwell, in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, and elsewhere; *and whereas*, the said real estate devised as aforesaid, is unprofitable, not even paying the taxes thereon, which taxes the said Sophia A. Robertson is obliged herself to pay; *and whereas*, it is desirable that the said Sophia A. Robertson should be permitted to dispose of the said real estate, with a view to the support and maintenance of herself and children, of which real estate some advantageous disposition may be made—Therefore,

## Authority given to sell.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Sophia A. Robertson be and she is hereby authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of the said real estate, in fee simple or otherwise, according to her will and pleasure, and to execute all proper conveyances for the same, as if she was a feme sole, any law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding; *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect any right of the said husband