

called Ellen, any law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

1812.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to enable the said George P. Stevenson to sell or dispose of the said negro slave imported by virtue of this act, until the said slave shall have resided within this State three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and dispositions by law for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

Slave shall not be sold under 3 years residence except in certain cases.

CHAPTER 91.

*An act for the benefit of Mary Stile, Esther Stile and Edith Stile, of Caroline county.*

Passed Dec. 19, 1812.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of Thomas Stile, of Caroline county, that Mary Stile, Esther Stile and Edith Stile, will be entitled at his demise, in the right of their brother, deceased, to a small quantity of land in Queen Ann's county, which from its local situation is so unproductive as that the profits of said land is insufficient to pay the ordinary taxes arising thereon, and praying to be legally authorised to sell the same for the benefit of said children, the prayer being reasonable: *Therefore,*

Preamble.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Stile be, and he is hereby authorised to sell and dispose of all such tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Queen Ann's county, called Wharton's Adventure, as would at his death fall to the said Mary Stile, Esther Stile and Edith Stile, in the right of their brother, and to apply the proceeds thereof in such manner, for the benefit of the said Mary Stile, Esther Stile and Edith Stile, as the Orphans' court of Queen Ann's county shall direct.

Certain lands may be disposed of.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any conveyance or deed made by Thomas Stile pursuant to the directions of the Orphan's court of Queen Ann's county, shall be, and is hereby declared to be valid and effectual, to pass and convey all the right, title and interest of the said Mary Stile, Esther Stile and Edith Stile, in and to the land aforesaid, to the purchaser or purchasers of the same.

Deed shall be valid.