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CHAPTER 7.

Passed Dec. 9. An act to settle and ascertain the Salary of the Members of the Council for the ensuing year.

Salary fixed. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three and one third cents, current money, for his salary.

CHAPTER 8.

Passed Dec. 10. An act for the relief of James Deane, of Saint Mary's County.

Thirty dollars to be levied for his support. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Saint Mary's 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 thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said James Deane, and that the same be collected annually by the collector of Saint Mary's county, and paid to the said James Deane, or his order.

CHAPTER 9.

Passed Dec. 10. An act to confirm and make valid a Deed to James Ryan, of Montgomery County.

Preamble. WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Ryan, of Montgomery county, that he the said James Ryan, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States more than thirty years ago, and resided in this country ever since, and has since his emigration acquired certain real property in this state by purchase from Agnus Willson, and that the said James Ryan had not been naturalized before the purchase of said property agreeably to the laws of the United States, but that the said James Ryan has since been naturalized: And whereas, the title to the said property may be called in question, to his great injury, from his not having been naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States, before acquiring the said property; Therefore,

Deed from Agnus Willson to J. Ryan made valid. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a deed of conveyance from Agnus Willson, of Prince George's county, in the state of Maryland, to James Ryan, of Montgomery county, for a tract of land called "Barnitt's Desire," lying and being in Montgomery county aforesaid, dated the fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and eleven, acknowledged before Jesse Leach and John Fleming, two justices of the peace for Montgomery county, and duly enrolled amongst the land records of Montgomery county, shall have the same force, operation and effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said James Ryan had been naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States, before he acquired such real property; Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said pro-

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