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cient to discharge the several claims against the estate, and that the said John Waley died possessed of a certain house and lot in the town of Shipton, in the county aforesaid; therefore praying the legislature to pass an act, empowering him to sell and dispose of the aforesaid lot and house, to enable him to discharge the claims aforesaid, or such part thereof as the money arising from such sale will enable him to do:

House an^d lot
to be sold, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Martin Harry be empowered to expose the said house and lot in the town of Shipton, in Washington county aforesaid, to public sale, for current money, on his giving eight weeks notice in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, and most public places in the said county, before such day of sale, to the highest bidder or bidders, and to execute a deed or deeds of conveyance, in fee, to such purchaser or purchasers; and the money arising from such sale shall be appropriated to the sole use of paying and discharging the several claims against the estate of the said John Waley, deceased; and if any overplus, the same shall be paid over to the legal representative or representatives of the said John Waley, which appropriation and distribution shall be finally settled and adjusted by the register of wills for Washington county according to law.

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An ACT for the relief of Charles Blair and Lilly his wife, lately called Lilly Hamilton.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Lilly Blair, wife of Charles Blair, of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, did, some time in the year seventeen hundred and fifty-eight, intermarry with a certain Alexander Hamilton, mariner, who, shortly after the said marriage, left the said Lilly, and went beyond sea, where he resided for two years and more: And whereas the said Alexander Hamilton, after the aforesaid absence of more than two years, did return, and lived with his said wife about three months, and did again set out for and go beyond sea and to foreign parts, leaving the said Lilly, his aforesaid wife, destitute of support for the space of six years: And whereas the aforesaid Alexander Hamilton did again return to his said wife, and resided and dwelt with her for two or three months, and a third time went away from and totally deserted the said Lilly, his said wife: And whereas it was afterwards currently reported by good authority, and the said Lilly had good grounds to believe, that the said Alexander Hamilton was drowned at sea, whereby she the said Lilly was become a widow, and as such, about two years afterwards, did intermarry with the aforesaid Charles Blair: And whereas it is now represented to this general assembly, that the said Alexander Hamilton is still alive, and that, long before the said Lilly did intermarry with the aforesaid Charles Blair, the aforesaid Alexander Hamilton had married and taken to wife another woman in foreign parts, which said wife of the said Alexander Hamilton is still alive: And whereas also Doctor William Murray, late of Dorchester county, deceased, father of the aforesaid Lilly Blair, did, on the sixth day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-one, for the promotion and advancement of his said daughter Lilly, make over and convey unto the said Alexander Hamilton, in fee simple, all the right, title,