

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday the first of November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, senior, who is insane.

**W**HEREAS George Shipley, junior, of Anne-Arundel county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, Preamble. that his father George Shipley is and has been for several years past in a state of insanity, as appears by the return of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, upon a writ *de lunatico inquirendo*; that the said George Shipley, senior, is possessed of a small personal and considerable real estate, and heretofore, when in a state of sanity or sound mind, entered into contracts with divers persons, by which he became bound to pay large sums of money and tobacco with interest; and that from the inability of the said George Shipley, senior, and want of authority in the said George Shipley, junior, the estate in its present situation is so very little productive, that the accumulating interest and original debts united will in a few years sweep away the whole property, and the family must be inevitably ruined; that Catherine Shipley, wife of the said George Shipley, senior, together with Talbot Shipley and Duncan Shipley, sons of the said George Shipley, senior, are deeply interested, with the said George Shipley, junior, in the welfare of their father, and the preservation of his estate; and praying the legislature to empower him to be trustee of said George Shipley, senior's, person and estate, and to sell so much of the said estate as will discharge the debts and encumbrances; and that part of the profits arising from the said estate may be applied towards the support and maintenance of the said George Shipley, senior, and his family: And it appearing to this general assembly that the facts in said petition are truly stated,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the custody of the person of the said George Shipley, senior, and the possession and direction, management and disposition, of the property of the said George Shipley, senior, real, personal, and mixt, shall be and is hereby entrusted and committed to George Shipley, junior, and he is hereby appointed trustee for that purpose; and before he enters on the execution of the said trust, he shall before the chancellor enter into bond, in such sum of money and with such security as he shall direct and approve, for the faithful execution and discharge of the trust committed to him by this act, and to comply with the directions thereof, and in all things faithfully to perform his duty as trustee, and to provide the person of the said George Shipley, senior, with the necessaries and conveniences of life, and also to provide for and support the family of the said George Shipley, senior, out of the profits of his estate, and to preserve his property from waste or damage; and annually (or oftener if required by the chancellor)

Trustee appointed, &c.  
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