

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Tuesday the tenth of April, and ended the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, the following LAWS were enacted :

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for quieting the estate of William Carmichael in Rousby's Recovery, and confirming his title to the same.

Passed May 15.

**W**HEREAS John Brown and Richard Carmichael, of Queen-Anne's county, in behalf of William Carmichael, by their memorial, have set forth, that the reverend James Sterling, of Kent county, deceased, being in his life-time seized of several tracts or parcels of land, to wit, Huddle's Right, Rushmore, and part of Rousby's Recovery, containing five hundred acres, did, for a valuable consideration, convey the two first named tracts to John Gresham, and the title to the same being thought suspicious, the said James Sterling, on the same day, conveyed the said five hundred acres of Rousby's Recovery to the said John Gresham, for the consideration of five shillings, as a security for the purchase money for the said two first named tracts, and the costs and expences which might be incurred in defending the title in case a suit or suits should be brought for the recovery of them, or either of them; that the said James Sterling continued in possession of the said five hundred acres of Rousby's Recovery until his death, which happened in November, seventeen hundred and sixty-three, and by his last will, duly made and attested, devised to his only child, Rebecca Sterling, and her heirs, the said part of Rousby's Recovery, who afterwards intermarried with the said William Carmichael, and died under age and without issue; that an ejection was brought against the tenant in possession of the heir of the aforesaid John Gresham, by the person claiming a right to the said tract of land, called Huddle's Right, paramount the title of the said James Sterling, and a recovery was had of the said tract of land, and the heir of the said John Gresham deprived of the possession thereof, whereby the said William Carmichael became liable to pay the sum of two hundred and seventy-five pounds four shillings and four-pence, being the amount of the purchase money for the said land, called Huddle's Right, and the costs and expences which had been incurred in defending the said land, and with the payment of which the said part of Rousby's Recovery was burthened by the said deed of mortgage, or indemnification, given by the said James Sterling to the said John Gresham; that the said money was actually paid by the memorialist, John Brown, on behalf of William Carmichael; that the said William Carmichael and his agents, ever since his intermarriage with the said Rebecca, have peaceably and quietly possessed and enjoyed the said part of Rousby's Recovery, and that the memorialists, being apprehensive that the said land might be subject to the act of confiscation, the heirs, if any, of the said James Sterling, being British subjects, and desirous of securing the same for the said William Carmichael, did make discovery thereof to Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Esquire, with a view of acquiring the preference of purchase, if the said William Carmichael's title should be defective in law and equity; that in consequence of the said application, the said land was sold to the memorialists, and valued at one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds current money, and bond given, payable to the state, for one thousand and sixty-six pounds ten shillings and six-pence, being the balance after deducting one third for the discovery, and the said sum of two hundred and seventy-five pounds four shillings and four-pence, paid to the administratrix of Richard Gresham, son of the said John, by

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