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XXIX.

nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said Thomas M. Cutchen shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he may become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who is hereby declared capable in law to hold the same, or to any other person, being a citizen of the United States capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for the relief of George Rice, of Worcester county.

WHEREAS George Rice, of Worcester county, by his petition to this general assembly has set forth, that he purchased real property in this state, and obtained grants from the state for real property in Worcester county, and that his title to the same is doubtful, he the said Rice having acquired it before being naturalized; therefore,

Passed 10th of
Dec. 1800.
Preamble.

Title vested,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title to the aforesaid property be and the same is hereby as amply and fully vested in the aforesaid George Rice, to all intents and purposes, as if the said George Rice had been naturalized before his title to the same had been acquired; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said George Rice shall, on or before the first day of June next, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, (unless already naturalized,) this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said George Rice shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he may become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained should prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who is hereby declared capable in law to hold the same, or to any other person, being a citizen of the United States, and capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. XXXI.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore.

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

One justice may
order persons
to appear, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any one of the justices mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement shall have full power and authority to order any person within the city or precincts of Baltimore, whom he shall suspect of being a vagrant, vagabond or disorderly person, or common prostitute, to appear before any two or more of the said justices, and such order shall be served by any constable of the said county; and if, on the appearance of such person, and examination by testimony, any two or more of the said justices shall determine such person to come within any of the said descriptions, the said justices may adjudge such person to serve and labour as a criminal, if a male, as a male criminal, if a female, as a female criminal, according to the act to which this is a supplement, for any time not exceeding one year, unless good security be given to such justices, to their satisfaction, for the good behaviour of such person for any time not exceeding one year thereafter.

What persons
are to be ad-
judged va-
grants, &c.

II. AND, to ascertain what persons shall be deemed vagrants, vagabonds and disorderly persons, within the intention of this act, BE IT ENACTED, That every person who has no visible means of maintenance, from property or personal labour, and lives idle, without employment, and every person who wanders about, and begs in the streets, or from door to door, and every person who wanders abroad, and lodges in out-houses, barns, market-places, or the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he procures a living, and every woman who is generally reputed as a common prostitute, and every juggler or fortune-teller, or common gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act.

Certain persons
may be ad-
judged to la-
bour, &c.

III. WHEREAS it is represented, that persons condemned in other states to labour, as a punishment for their crimes, have escaped and come into Baltimore county, and have been taken up as vagrants, BE IT ENACTED, That any two or more of the said justices may adjudge any person, condemned in any of the United States to labour, as a punishment for any crime, to serve and labour as a criminal, according to this act, for any time not exceeding the residue of the term for which such person