

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all appointments of trustees under this act by the chancellor, in the room of any person before appointed, the chancellor shall consult the creditors, and govern himself by the choice of a majority of them in value, unless upon notice being given by public advertisement, or in such other manner as he shall think reasonable, the said creditors shall neglect to make such choice. C H A P. XLIV. Creditors to be consulted, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That none of the said debtors who do not make application as aforesaid on or before the first day of June next, shall have any benefit of this act. Time limited.

C H A P. XLV.

An ACT for the benefit of Henry Joseph Stier, of Prince-George's county. Passed 10th of Dec. 1800.

WHEREAS Henry Joseph Stier, a native of Germany, now a resident of Prince-George's county, some years past came into this state, with a bona fide intention of residing therein, and he has since bargained and contracted for considerable real property; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all conveyances, touching or concerning such real estates, that shall be made or executed to the said Henry Joseph Stier, shall have the same effect, operation and validity, as if the said Henry Joseph Stier had been naturalized at the time the same shall be executed or entered into; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Henry Joseph Stier shall, on or before the first day of June next, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, 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 Henry Joseph Stier 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, and capable in law to hold the same. Conveyances to have effect, &c.

C H A P. XLVI.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace. Passed 10th of Dec. 1800.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the commissioners, and sundry inhabitants of the town of Havre-de-Grace, that large quantities of pine plank are rafted down the river Susquehanna to said town, and that an inspector of lumber is necessary to be appointed; and further, they pray that the said commissioners may be empowered to lease, upon short leases, public ground lying in said town, and other ground which has been heretofore laid out for streets, lanes and alleys, but not yet used as such, and now lying vacant and useless, for the purpose of raising a fund for the building of a market-house in said town; and the same being considered reasonable, therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace, or a major part of them, shall and they hereby have full power and authority to establish and regulate inspections of plank, staves, heading and shingles, offered for sale within the said town of Havre-de-Grace, subject nevertheless to the future acts of the general assembly; and also to regulate the fees of inspectors under this act. Commissioners to regulate inspections, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, be and they are hereby empowered and authorized, from time to time, to lease and demise for a term of years, not exceeding two years, any public ground lying within said town, and other ground which has been heretofore laid out for streets, lanes and alleys, and not yet used as such, and now lying vacant and useless, and the money and rents thence arising to apply to the repairing the streets, lanes and alleys, used as such, and to the building a market-house in said town. And lease public ground, &c.