

Passed 7th of  
January, 1804.  
Preamble.

### An ACT for the benefit of Joseph Douglas, of Kent county.

**W**HEREAS Joseph Douglas, a native of Ireland, and now a resident of Kent county, emigrated to, and settled in, this state, some years past, with a *bonâ fide* intention of residing therein, and has declared his intention in Kent county court to become naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States, and has since bargained and contracted for considerable real property; therefore,

Gifts, &c. to  
have effect, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all gifts, grants, conveyances and devises of real estates, that shall be made or executed to the said Joseph Douglas, shall have the same effect, operation and validity, as if the said Joseph Douglas had been naturalized at the time the same shall be made, executed or entered into; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to such property, or any part thereof, acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Joseph Douglas shall continue to proceed according to law to become a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property acquired as aforesaid, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said Joseph Douglas shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he might 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 person or persons residing within the United States capable in law to hold the same.

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### A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to repair the old or to build a new poor-house in Anne-Arundel county.

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**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the commissioners appointed for Anne-Arundel county by the act of November session, eighteen hundred and one, entitled, An act to repair the old or to build a new poor-house in Anne-Arundel county, have agreed for and purchased an house, and tract of land adjoining, for a poor-house in said county, and doubts may arise whether the proceedings of the said commissioners are conformable to, and consistent with, the aforesaid act;

Proceedings  
confirmed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the proceedings and contract of the said commissioners of Anne-Arundel county, in the purchase made of William Caton of the house and land called Strawberry Hill for a poor-house for the said county, be and the same are hereby confirmed and rendered valid, and that the levy court of the said county be and they are hereby authorised and directed to levy and assess on the said county the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to complete the payment for the said property so purchased.

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### An ACT to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the protestant episcopal church in All-Hallows parish, in Anne-Arundel county.

A scheme may  
be proposed,  
&c.

**B**E IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for William Brogden, William Steuart, Samuel C. Watkins, Jonathan Sellman, Leonard Sellman, Osborn S. Harwood, James M'Cullock, Richard Hall, of Edward, and Joseph Harwood, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, and to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof; provided the said William Brogden, William Steuart, Samuel C. Watkins, Jonathan Sellman, Leonard Sellman, Osborn S. Harwood, James M'Cullock, Richard Hall, of Edward, and Joseph Harwood, or such majority of them as shall undertake to act under this law, shall, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of four thousand dollars, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing of the said lottery shall be completed, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expences incurred in the said lottery, shall, within twelve months from the time the drawing of said lottery shall be completed, cause the balance of the money raised by said lottery to be applied to the repairing of the protestant episcopal church in All-Hallows parish, in Anne-Arundel county, and to the enclosing of the burial-ground of said church, in the best manner the said sum of money will admit.