

C H A P.
XII.

and he is hereby authorized and required, upon the application of the purchaser or purchasers thereof, or their heirs or assigns, to examine into the situation of such sale, and upon being satisfied that the applicant is entitled to the land claimed, and that the whole purchase money and interest hath been paid, to execute, on behalf of this state, a deed of conveyance of all the state's interest therein to such person or persons as shall be legally entitled thereto.

C H A P. XIII.

passed De-
cember 30.

An ACT for the relief of Benjamin Moreton, of Baltimore county.

reamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, by the petition of Benjamin Moreton, of Baltimore county, that a certain James M'Boyce, late of the same county, died possessed of a certain parcel of certificate land, lying in Baltimore county, which, from the endorsement upon the certificate of survey returned to the land-office of the western shore, has been settled for in full, and the account closed in the treasury books: And whereas it further appears, that no patent hath as yet issued upon the said certificate, and that the said James M'Boyce died without issue, leaving a widow, who also died without issue, and that the said petitioner and his sister, the nephew and niece of the said widow, were sent for from beyond sea by the said James M'Boyce, and arrived in this state when infants, in the life-time of the said M'Boyce, and immediately after the revolution; that the said petitioner and his sister have been in the uninterrupted possession of the said land ever since the death of the said widow until the death of his, the said petitioner's sister, since which time the petitioner has been in the sole and quiet possession of the same: And whereas the said Benjamin Moreton, on the twenty-first day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, was naturalized, agreeably to the act of congress, as appears by the certificate of the clerk of the general court of the Western shore: And whereas it appears reasonable that the state of Maryland should release to the said Benjamin Moreton all right, title and claim, in and to the said land, which may have accrued to the said state upon the death of the said widow, and that a patent should issue to the said Benjamin Moreton for the said land; therefore,

Right re-
leased, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the right, title and claim, of the state of Maryland, of in and to the tract or parcel of land aforesaid, lying in Baltimore county, being lot No. 20, part of My Lady's Manor, is hereby released, transferred and vested, in the said Benjamin Moreton; and the chancellor is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the said Benjamin Moreton, his heirs and assigns, a patent for said land; provided nevertheless, that any right which may have been heretofore acquired by any person or persons is hereby saved and protected.

C H A P. XIV.

passed De-
cember 30.

An ACT to enable the vestry of Christ church parish, in Calvert county, to sell and dispose of certain lands therein mentioned.

reamble.

WHEREAS the vestry of Christ church parish, in Calvert county, by their petition to this general assembly have represented, that they now hold a tract of land called The Gore, which is, in its present situation, but of little utility to the said parish, and that if the said lands could be sold, the money arising from the sale might be applied to beneficial purposes, in improving another tract of land held by the said vestry, and become the means of accommodating a pastor in the same; therefore,

vestry may
sell land, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said vestry, in their corporate capacity, are hereby authorized, after giving thirty days notice at the most public places in the said county, to sell and dispose of the said tract of land called The Gore, with the appertinances, by public sale, either for ready money, or on such a credit as the said vestry may deem necessary in order to sell the said lands to the best advantage, and such sale so made, and evidenced by deed of bargain and sale, executed and acknowledged by the said vestry, or a majority of