

Preamble.

the year eighteen hundred and twenty; *and whereas*, a majority of the commissioners appointed by the said commissioners, did make a report to said Court, setting forth that the division of the said real estate into two equal parts in value was impracticable, but that they had divided the same into two parts unequal in value and quantity, and had allotted to the said James Dennis, the larger and more valuable share, and to John Dennis, the only other child and heir-at-law of the said Wheatley, the remaining share, and had awarded that the said James should secure the payment to the said John of a sum of money to equalize said division, which said report and return, the said Court did at its succeeding term ratify and confirm; *and whereas*, the said report and proceedings of the said commissioners were defective, inasmuch as they had no authority in law to make such allotments, and the ratification by the said Courts did not cure said defect; *and whereas*, the said James and John Dennis, and those claiming under them respectively, have held and enjoyed without molestation for more than forty years, the shares of said real estate as aforesaid, to the said James and John respectively allotted; therefore,

Proceedings
ratified and
confirmed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the proceedings of the commissioners appointed by Worcester County Court at its November Term, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four, upon the petition of James Dennis for a commission to value and divide the real estate of Wheatley Dennis, late of said county, deceased, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, and that the title of James Dennis, and of any person or persons claiming under him, to that portion of said real estate allotted by the said commissioners to the said James Dennis, and of John Dennis, and of any person or persons claiming under him, to that portion of real estate allotted by said commissioners to the said John Dennis, be and the same is hereby made valid, notwithstanding any irregularities in the proceedings of the said commissioners; *provided*, that such titles are in all other respects legal and regular.

Proviso.