

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT to continue in force the Acts of Assembly which would expire with the present Session.

Acts continued.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such acts, or parts of acts, as would expire with the present session of assembly, be and the same are hereby continued to the last Monday of December next, and to the end of the then session of assembly.

CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT to authorize the Orphans Courts of this State to apportion the Expenses incurred in improving Real Estates in cases of Dower in said Estates.

To apportion expenses.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the judges of the orphans courts of this state, in their respective counties, to adjudge, determine and apportion, in their discretion, what part of the expenses shall be borne or paid by the widow, which may or shall accrue in making the necessary repairs or improvements on the real estates in which a widow or widows shall, or may at the time such repairs are so made and done, be entitled to a right of dower.

Expenses incurred in repairs, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That wherever expenses are or shall be incurred in effecting repairs or improvements on any real estate, in which a widow or widows shall hold a right of dower, an account shall be rendered to the orphans court of the county by the party having said repairs so done, setting forth in what way or manner such expenses have accrued, shewing the amount of expenditures in repairs as aforesaid, and on such account being rendered to the orphans court aforesaid, it shall be their duty to order such portion of said expenses to be paid by the widow or widows, person or persons, having control over said right of dower, to the person or persons claiming, and in all cases shall the right of dower be answerable for the payment of such apportionment of expenses; *Provided,* that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said orphans courts to apportion the expense of repairs in any case whatever except where minors are concerned.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases provided for by this act, the orphans courts of this state, in their respective counties, shall have full power to allow or reject all claims for *appointment** of expense in making repairs or improvements, as they may deem proper, having at all times a due regard to all the circumstances of the cases before them; *And provided,* that no allowance or apportionment of any such expenses under this act, shall be made, unless the said repairs or improvement

May reject or allow claims, &c

(*apportionment)