

said court) of such person or persons, under the age of twenty-one years as aforesaid, in pursuance of such order and direction of the court of chancery, and such deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, assurance or assurances, so to be had and made as aforesaid, shall be as good, valid and effectual in law, as if such infant or infants were, at the time of making such deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, assurance or assurances, of the full age of twenty-one years, and had by him, her or themselves, executed the same, any thing in the said recited act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all conveyances and deeds heretofore made by the guardian or guardians of any infant or infants, in the cases aforesaid, pursuant to the direction of the chancery court, shall and they are hereby declared to be valid and effectual, and to have such operation and effect as declared by the decree or order of the chancellor who directed the same. Conveyances valid, &c.

SEC. 4. *Provided nevertheless*, That liberty be reserved to the infant or infants herein before mentioned, and the heirs of such infant or infants, to shew cause why such deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, assurance or assurances, ought not to have been ordered or directed, within six months, as limited in the said recited law, and in the manner and within the time therein mentioned. Providio.

Enacted into a permanent law by 1798, ch. 71, with the principal act.

JULY, 1779.—CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT for Naturalization.

Jurisdiction over this subject is vested in the general government by the constitution of the United States.

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT establishing a mode to perpetuate Testimony.

WHEREAS, it frequently happens, that material evidence is lost for want of an easy mode to perpetuate the same; Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to take the deposition or depositions of any witness or witnesses, who may have knowledge of any fact, in proving which such person or persons may apprehend him, her or themselves, interested, before a judge of the general court, or justice of the county where such witnesses respectively reside, first giving twenty days' notice to the party or parties against whom such depositions are intended to be used, or, in case of absence or minority, to his, her or their guardian, agent or attorney, if any, and in case of absence, if no agent or attorney, setting up Depositions may be taken, &c.