

AN ACT to define certain Powers of the Court of Chancery in this State,  
1839, ch. 219.

WHEREAS, doubts have been entertained by some of the courts in this state whether the twelfth section of the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, chapter seventy-two, and the seventh section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and eleven, authorizes and empowers the county courts, as courts of equity, to decree the sale of land wherein a feme covert may have a potential right of dower acquired by her marriage to one of the heirs at law, and to be enjoyed by her in case of her surviving her husband, so as effectually to bar such future claim of dower by such feme covert; therefore,

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* the several county courts of this state, sitting as courts of equity, or any judge, are fully authorized and empowered to decree the sale in all cases of any land or real estate held jointly or in common by two or more persons, and a sale under such decree shall pass to the purchaser all the right, title, interest and estate of all persons, who are parties to the suit, either complainants or defendants, and if any feme covert, by marriage with one of the joint tenants or tenants in common, shall have acquired a potential right of dower in part of the estate to be sold, such right of dower is hereby expressly declared to be within the power of the court or judge to decree the sale, she being made a party to the proceedings, either complainant or defendant.

AN ACT, entitled, an Act relating to Foreign Corporations and their Agencies in this State.—1839, ch. 220.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* any person or persons, who shall act as agent or agents within this state for any individuals or association of individuals, or companies not incorporated and authorized by the laws of this state, to make insurances on marine or fire risks, or insurances on lives, although such individuals, or association of individuals, or companies may be incorporated for those purposes by the laws of any other state, shall pay to the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland, yearly and every year, the sum of two dollars per centum upon the amount of all premiums received by such agent or agents or any other person or persons, for him or them, or which shall have been agreed to be paid for any insurance effected, or agreed to be effected or procured by him or them, as agent or agents as aforesaid, and such agent or agents shall annually on the first Monday in January, furnish on his or their affidavit or affirmation, a true list and account of all such premiums to the treasurer