

general court (see 1 Har. and John. 240,) decided, 'that although, in the opinion of the court the said repealing act in depriving the plaintiff of his said office, is an infraction of his right and incompatible with the principles of justice, and does not accord with sound legislation, yet, as the right to hold the office, and the office was created by the act of assembly, and was not vested in the plaintiff (the dislocated judge,) by the constitution, and there being no clause or article in the constitution or bill of rights, prohibiting or restraining the legislature in passing the said repealing act, the court are of opinion that the said act is not void.'

SEC. 4. Merged in 1804, ch. 68.

CHAPTER 38.

AN additional SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to an act, entitled, an act for enlarging the powers of the High Court of Chancery.

Preamble. WHEREAS by an act, entitled, an act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, passed at a session of the general assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the seventh day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five,* full power and authority is given to the chancellor to direct the sale of all lands in this state held by minors, residents of this state: And whereas by a supplementary act, passed at a session of assembly begun and held on Monday the second day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine,† full power and authority is given to the chancellor to direct the sale of all lands in this state held by minors, residents of any other state; and it being reasonable and right that lands and real property lying in this state, or any reversion or remainder thereon dependent, belonging to minors, resident out of the state, or any of the United States, should be subject to sale for the payment of the just debts due from the deceased person from whom such minors derive their right or title.

Chancellor may direct the sale of land, &c. SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the chancellor shall have full power and authority to direct the sale of all lands and real property lying within this state, or any remainder or reversion thereon dependent, belonging to minors resident out of the state, and the United States, for the payment of all just debts due from the person from whom they derive such remainder, reversion or real estate.

Petitioner to give notice, &c. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the petitioner or petitioners to the chancellor for the sale of lands or real property, or any reversion or remainder as aforesaid, to give such notice, to entitle him or them to a decree against any such minor or minors, as the chancellor, under all circumstances, shall deem requisite and proper in each case.

See notes to 1785, ch. 72, ante page 208.