

Certain causes shall not abate, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case any cause hath been or shall be set down regularly for hearing, or submitted to the chancellor by both parties, as ready for his decision, and one of the parties hath died, or shall die, after such setting down or submission, and before a decree passed, having a solicitor in court, the said cause shall not abate, and the chancellor may decree as if such deceased party were alive, and the decree shall have the same effect as if it had been passed against the deceased, except that it shall not entitle the complainant to a preference in the distribution of assets, either real or personal.

Chancellor may direct a commission to issue &c.

SEC. 5. *And*, whereas it is doubtful whether or not there is any method of proceeding whereby a person, holding land jointly or in common with an infant residing out of the state, may obtain partition of the said land, *Be it enacted*, That on a bill filed, for the purpose of obtaining partition of land held jointly or in common with an infant residing out of the state, the chancellor, on the complainant's motion, may direct a commission to issue unto three persons, such as he shall approve, authorizing them, or any two of them, to go to the infant, and appoint a guardian for the purpose of answering and defending the suit, and authorizing them likewise to take the answer and return it to the court; and in receiving such answer, there may be the same proceedings as if the defendant had been regularly summoned, and had been heard by a guardian appointed by the court.

How sales are to be made, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all sales by the act to direct descents directed to be made of lands which will not admit of division amongst the heirs, shall be made agreeably to the order of the court from which the commissions issued, and shall not be valid until ratified by the said court; and the commissioners for valuing such lands as in their judgment will not admit of a division, shall take into consideration any incumbrance on the lands, and report the value of the lands, subject to the incumbrance; and the election of any of the heirs to take the lands, and pay the others their proportions, shall be made in the said court, before the expiration of the term next succeeding the term on which the return of the commissioners shall have been confirmed.

SEC. 7. Repealed 1813, ch. 24.

Costs may be awarded &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the chancellor shall have full power, as in the court of chancery, at his discretion, to award costs to the party prevailing on the decision of any caveat at the land office.

No caveat to be entered, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That no caveat shall hereafter be entered in either of the said offices where composition money is due on a certificate, unless the party requiring the same to be