

trator or administrators, within twelve months after letters testamentary or letters of administration shall have been granted.

If they shall allege on oath, that they have no assets, proceedings to be returned to county court.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any executor or administrator shall allege, in writing, and shall verify the said allegation by oath or affirmation, that he has no assets belonging to his testator or intestate in his hands, or that he has reasonable cause to believe that the assets in his hands will not be sufficient, in a due course of distribution, to pay the debts of the deceased, then and in that case it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace to transmit the proceedings in relation thereto to the next county court of the county in which such justice shall reside, and the said court shall proceed to give judgment thereon, according to the law of the land, and the right and equity of the case.

CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT empowering the Judges of Elections to administer Oaths appertaining to Elections.

See 1805, ch. 97, ante page 513.

Judges of election may administer oaths in certain cases.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the several judges of elections within this state, to administer an oath, or an affirmation, in any inquiry which they may deem necessary to be made touching the right of any person offering to vote, and if any person or persons shall swear or affirm falsely and corruptly, in relation thereto, such person or persons shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer the pains and penalties provided for those convicted of perjury.

CHAPTER 183.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act to declare and enlarge the powers of the Court of Chancery, and the County Courts as Courts of Equity.

See 1785, ch. 72, ante page 208.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the eighth section of an act, entitled, an act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity, passed at December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter one hundred and ninety-three, it is enacted that a sale of real estate may be decreed in the discretion of the chancery court, and the county courts as courts of equity, in order to save the personal: And whereas, no provision is contained in the said act for the purpose of awarding to the widow a reasonable portion of the purchase money as a compensation for her dower in real estate sold under decrees made in conformity with said act; therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That where any sale of any real estate is decreed in conformity