

hereafter be acknowledged before the chief judge, or an associate judge, of any judicial district within this state, shall notwithstanding the same have been or shall hereafter be acknowledged neither in the judicial district where the lands lie, nor where the grantors, bargainors, or donors reside, have the same effect and validity as if such deeds had been acknowledged before the chief judge, or an associate judge of the judicial district where the lands lie, or the grantors, bargainors, or donors reside; *Provided*, that in every other respect the said deeds have been and shall hereafter be executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to the laws heretofore made on this subject. Proviso.

#### CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY to the Act for amending and reducing into system the Laws and Regulations concerning Last Wills and Testaments, the duties of Executors, Administrators and Guardians, and the rights of Orphans and other Representatives of deceased persons.

See notes to 1798, ch. 101, ante page 370.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever any person shall die seized or possessed of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, situate and lying within the state, and any of the persons entitled to such lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any part thereof, shall be under age, and without a guardian appointed by last will and testament, or by the orphans court, it shall be the duty of the executor or executors, administrator or administrators, as the case may be, of such deceased, as soon as letters testamentary or of administration shall be committed to him, her or them, and not before, to take possession of such estate, and to discharge and fulfil all the duties of guardian to such minor until a guardian shall be regularly appointed by the orphans court, or until the said minor shall arrive at age, which ever shall first happen, and shall account with the said court in like manner as guardians are by law required to account, and subject to the like control and authority of the court in all respects whatever. Executors,  
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of estate  
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By 1825, ch. 63, administrators and executors are relieved from the duty of guardians, after their accounts of administration are closed, or three years after letters are granted.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That when a guardian or guardians shall be appointed to such minor, or the said minor shall arrive at age, which ever shall first happen, it shall be the duty of the aforesaid executor or executors, administrator or administrators, as the case may be, to render to the orphans court an account, on oath, of the manner in which the duties imposed by this act have been discharged, in the same manner and upon When guar-  
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