

case may be, shall have as full and ample right and power to recover the possession of such apprentice, by action of replevin, as the owner of a personal chattel has now by law to recover the possession thereof.

Judgment
on non-at-
tendance of
defendant.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all actions of replevin hereafter to be brought in any court of this state, if the defendant or defendants shall be returned 'summoned,' and shall not appear in person or by attorney, on or before the fourth day of the term next, succeeding that to which such return shall be made, the court shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, on motion, to enter up judgment for the plaintiff or plaintiffs, for the property replevied and for nominal damages and costs.

CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT to authorize Aliens to purchase and hold Real Property within this State.

See 1826, ch. 67; 1832, ch. 303.

Authorized
to hold
property.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, aliens actual residents of this state, shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law to take, have, hold, use and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments within this state, which have heretofore been, or may hereafter be purchased by such aliens, or to which they would, if citizens be entitled by descent, and to sell and dispose of the same in like manner, as if they were natural born citizens of the United States: *Provided,* That if any male alien shall acquire any title to or interest in any real estate in virtue of this act, such alien shall within one year after the acquisition of said real estate, make the declaration prescribed by the first condition of the first section of the act of congress, entitled, 'an act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject,' and shall also within twelve months after his being capable of becoming a citizen, naturalize himself agreeably to the laws of the United States.

Proviso.

Case of
death.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in case any male alien shall become entitled to any real estate within this state, and shall die within the term of one year herein before prescribed, without making the declaration aforesaid, or having made the said declaration, shall die within the term prescribed for his becoming a citizen without naturalization, and without having made any disposition by deed or will of said real estate, then the said real estate shall descend to, and vest in such person or persons as would be his or her heir or heirs, or capable in law to inherit the same, if such alien had been a citizen of the United States at the time of his death: *Provided,* That such person or per-

Proviso.