

sition, and said finding remains unreversed and in force, she may convey the same as fully as if she were a *feme sole* by her separate deed, whether the same be absolute or by way of mortgage; *provided* Proviso. that if she die intestate and leaving children, her husband shall have a life estate in her property, real and personal, but if she die intestate leaving no children, her husband shall have a life estate in her real property, and her personal property shall vest in him absolutely; any married woman may be sued May be sued. jointly with her husband in any of the courts of this State, or before any Justice of the Peace, on any note, bill of exchange, single bill, bond, contract or agreement which she may have executed jointly with her husband, and may employ counsel and defend such action or suit separately or jointly with her husband, and judgments recovered in such cases shall be liens on the property of defendants, and may be collected by execution or attachment in the same manner as if the defendant were not husband and wife; *provided* that in all cases where a married wo- Proviso. man has made such contract or agreement as a *feme sole*, under the seventh section of this article, she may be proceeded against as therein provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

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CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT granting the assent of the Legislature to a bequest made in the last will and testament of Lydia Lowe, late of Wicomico county, deceased, to George Lowe, of said county, for the use and benefit of the Old School Baptist Church in Salisbury, in said county.

WHEREAS, Lydia Lowe, late of Wicomico county, Preamble. deceased, by her last will and testament, duly admit-