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APPENDIX.—CHANCERY LAWS.

CHAP. 107. **cre**e according to the equity of the case, in the same manner as if the said person or persons, or those under whom they claim, had originally appeared before him; and provided also, that such defendant or defendants may, at any time before a decree shall have been passed, appear in court, and be admitted to defend the cause, on filing a good and sufficient answer, plea or demurrer, to the bill.

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CHAP. LXV.

Passed Jan. 25, 1806. *An Act to provide for the organization and regulation of the Courts of Common Law in this State, and for the Administration of Justice therein.* Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 72.

Where chancellor is interested chief judge of the district to decree, &c

19. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That in all cases where the chancellor is or may be interested, and where bills in chancery may properly lie, the chief judge of the district in which the chancery court shall sit, shall hear, determine, order and decree thereon, in the same manner as if such chief judge was the chancellor, and an appeal may lie in such cases from the decree of the judge to the court of appeals, who may hear and determine in the same as on appeals from the chancery court; provided, that the process on all such cases shall be issued by the register in chancery, tested in the name of the said judge.

See 1806, ch. 55, and 1811, ch. 189.

CHAP. XCIII.

Passed 27th of Jan. 1806. *An Act authorising the Chancellor in certain cases to decree Conveyances for Lund, the title to which is in British Subjects.* Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 132.

See ch. 99.

Preamble.

**WHEREAS** it has happened that many citizens of this state have purchased land lying within this state, and hold the same under a contract alone for the conveyance thereof, the legal title being outstanding in British subjects, or vested by law in this state, who come within the meaning and purview of the act of assembly passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty\*, entitled, An act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, and the said purchasers, in some instances, having paid the whole, and in others, a great part of the purchase money, and are desirous to complete their contract, and to obtain a legal title to their land, and doubts having been entertained whether there exists any competent authority to execute conveyances to the said purchasers; for remedy whereof,

Ch. 46.

Chancellor may decree respecting lands, the legal title to which is in a British subject, or in the state, &c

2. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases in which any citizen of this or any of the United States shall have purchased any land lying within this state, the legal title to which is now outstanding in a British subject, or vested by law in this state, or who now has a fair and equitable claim to any such land which had been so purchased, it shall and may be lawful, upon a bill being filed in the court of chancery, either by the claim-