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An Act authorizing the Chancellor in certain cases to decree Conveyances for Land; 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,

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Chancellor may agree respecting lands, the legal title to which is in a British subject, or in the state, &c. and convey to the party having a legal claim.

2. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases in which any citizen of this or of 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 claimant of such land, or the party who claims to be paid the purchase money for the land so sold, and upon making the attorney-general a party, for the chancellor to proceed according to the established principles of equity and the rules of the court of chancery, to hear and determine the equity between the parties, and the chancellor shall thereupon proceed to decree to the parties legally entitled thereto, the money still remaining due for the purchase of the said land, in case any shall be due, and to decree a conveyance of the said land, and in case none of the said money shall be due, or in case the party shall comply with the decree of the court, by paying the money decreed, that then and in such case the chancellor shall, in the name of the state of Maryland, convey to the said party or parties having a legal claim to the said land, all the right and estate which is vested in any British subject, or in the state of Maryland by virtue of the several acts of assembly of this state.

See 1802, ch. 100, s. 11.

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An Additional Supplement to an act (a), entitled, An act to lay out and establish a Road from the City of Annapolis to the City of Washington, and to repeal the Act therein mentioned. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 133.

(a) 1798, ch. 80. See 1800, ch. 75.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is an additional supplement, commissioners were appointed to open, clear and grub, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington: And whereas the said commissioners have neglected to cause a part of said road which passes through Prince-George's county to be opened, cleared and grubbed, in the manner di-