

day of April, eighteen hundred and fifteen, containing CHAP. 157.
 about half an acre of land, more or less, and a small farm
 in the neighbourhood of Centreville, being parts of the
 tracts called Adventure, Bailey's Delight and Plain Deal-
 ing, containing forty-six and a half acres, more or less,
 which in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen, he pur-
 chased of the commissioners appointed by Queen Anne's
 county court, to divide a part of the real estate of Robert
 Emory, formerly of the said county, deceased; AND
 WHEREAS, the said intestate acquired by his industry, all
 his said property after he obtained his freedom from slave-
 ry, and all his said real estate, for want of issue and heirs
 capable of inheriting the same, has become escheat to the
 state; AND WHEREAS, Richard Tilghman Earle, of Queen
 Anne's county, hath obtained an escheat warrant for the
 lot in Centreville, conveyed by William Legg as aforesaid,
 for the use of the vestry of St. Paul's Parish, in said coun-
 ty, it being in contemplation to erect an Episcopal church
 thereon, and moreover hath purchased the said lot of Jacob
 Hambleton, the sole relation of the whole blood of the said
 intestate, being the only child of his full brother, Adam
 Hambleton, also an emancipated slave; AND WHEREAS,
 Rachael Hambleton, of the said county, was married to the
 intestate while he was held in bondage, and continued to
 live with him for many years, and until the time of his
 death as his lawful wife, and doubtless aided him in the
 acquisition of his property; and it seems just and equitable
 that the relatives of the intestate should enjoy the fruits of
 his labor and industry, although incompetent under the
 existing laws to inherit the same,—Therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Title of lot vested
Maryland, That all the right of the said Jacob Hambleton,
 deceased, of, in and to the aforesaid lot in Centreville,
 conveyed by William Legg to him in fee, on the fourteenth
 day of May, eighteen hundred and fourteen, shall be and
 the same is hereby vested in Richard Tilghman Earle, for
 the use of the vestry of St. Paul's parish, in Queen Anne's
 county, in as full and ample manner as if he had proceeded
 with his escheat warrant, and obtained the State's patent
 for the same.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all the residue of the Title of residue of
real estate vested
 real estate of the said Jacob Hambleton, deceased, above
 specified, and all his right, title and estate, of, in and to
 the same, shall be and they are hereby vested in the said