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eighteen hundred and twenty six, for a certain tract of land therein mentioned, lying and being in Frederick county, and recorded in the land records of said county; and WHEREAS, the said Henry Heaffner has since deceased, it has been ascertained that the said grantor was a foreigner, incapable of holding real estate, or making a good and sufficient deed, and the property of the said grantor, would by the present laws of Maryland, escheat to the state, Therefore,—

Deed confirmed

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a certain deed bearing date the eighth day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty six, duly executed by Henry Heaffner, a foreigner, to Jacob Stitely, a citizen of the State of Maryland, and recorded in the land records of Frederick county, be and the same is hereby declared good and valid to all intents and purposes; as much so as if the said Henry Heaffner had been, when executing the same, a naturalized citizen of the United States.

CHAPTER 37.

Passed Feb. 20, 1834. *An act authorising the clerk of St. Mary's county to register two negro slaves.*

Authority to register

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the clerk of St. Mary's county court be and he is hereby authorised and required to register in the usual manner, two negro slaves, the property of Bennett Greenwell, of the District of Columbia, brought into this state by Ignatius Millard, a citizen of St. Mary's county, without requiring the said Millard to make the usual affidavit to the facts in such cases provided by law; but he shall require the said Millard to swear that the said negroes are slaves for life, and that they were not brought into this state for the purpose of speculation, and that said Ignatius Millard hath an estate in said negroes, to take effect after the death of said Bennett Greenwell, and that the said Greenwell hath no power to defeat such estate.*

Without oath

Declared valid

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted, That when the said negroes shall be registered as aforesaid, it shall have the same force and virtue in law, as if all the provisions in such cases*