by law required to be, shall be as valid, binding and effectual, as if made and acknowledged by all of the said minor CHAP 183. children after attaining to the full age of twenty-one years; Provided, that nothing in this act contained shall take ef- Proviso fect so as to enable the said guardians to sell, lease or convey, all or any part of the aforesaid real estate of the said minor children, unless the orphans court of Baltimore county shall first authorise and then confirm every such sale, and approve every such lease or conveyance, before the same shall be recorded; and in case of the death of either or both of the persons who shall be first appointed guardians as aforesaid, the said orphans court shall appoint a successor or successors, who shall have authority and power to complete or do any act or acts which his or their predecessor or predecessors may have lawfully commenced or might do in virtue of this act, after such successor or successors shall have first given bond in like manner, under like penalty, and with security to be approved by the orphans court aforesaid.

## CHAPTER 183.

An Act vesting certain Powers in the Orphans Court Passed Feb 24. of Montgomery County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Letters of ad-That it shall and may be lawful for the orphans court of ministration Montgomery county to grant administration, to such per-may be grant-son as it may appoint, of the goods, chattels and effects, of flarry Brooks. Harry Brooks, a free man of colour, late of said county, deceased; and after it shall have been ascertained that the funeral expenses and debts of said Harry Brooks have been paid, the said court shall direct, and order the residue of his estate to be applied, first to the purchase of his wife, who shall be manumitted by the owner thereof, or the said administrator, or such other administrator as the said orphans court may appoint; and if the wife of the said Harry Brooks be not living when the residue of his estate, after the payments aforesaid, shall have been ascertained, then the administrator shall purchase and manumit, or cause to be manumitted, such child or children of said deceased, as he may be able to purchase for that purpose; and if said administrator shall fail to execute the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of said orphans court afore-