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CHAPTER 174.

Passed Mar. 3, 1832 *An act for the benefit of Enoch Due, John Due and Serena Due, formerly, now Serena Pritchard, by her intermarriage with a certain Samuel Pritchard, natural children of James Due, late of Caroline county, deceased.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the said James Due departed this life, on or about the fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, intestate, leaving the said Enoch Due, John Due and Serena Pritchard, his natural children; and, although recognized and owned by the said James Due, in his life time, to be his children, in consequence of their not being born in Wedlock, the said children cannot, agreeably to law, heir their fathers property—Therefore,

Right in estate vested.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful, after all the funeral expenses, and all other just claims against the said James Due's estate, shall have been fully paid and satisfied; that the said Enoch Due, John Due and Serena Pritchard, being the natural children of the said James Due, shall have, hold, possess, and enjoy all and singular the residue of the said James Due's estate, real, personal or mixed, to them and their heirs forever, share and share alike, any thing in any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 175.

Passed Mar. 5, 1832 *An act for the benefit and relief of Saint Mary's County, and all persons concerned in the records thereof, lately burned.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in the recent destruction of the Court House of Saint Mary's county, by fire, nearly all the records of said county were burnt, and it is apprehended, that from the unfortunate occurrence, serious and extensive evil may ensue, unless prevented by timely legislation—Therefore,

Authority to again record deeds &c.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person or persons, having any original deed or deeds, for land lying and being in Saint Mary's county, or other instrument of writing relating to lands in said county, which shall appear to have been recorded in said county, and the record thereof has been destroyed, may be authorised to have the said deed or deeds, or other*