

ceeds thereof paid off all the debts of the said testator; *And whereas*, the mother of the said testator holding dower in said lands has since departed this life, as also Peggy Hill one of the children and devisees of the said testator; *And whereas*, the said William B. Hill is now of full age, and the widow of the said testator is willing to take an annual allowance in lieu of her dower in said lands; *And whereas*, it is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of the widow and children of the said testator, that it will be greatly advantageous to all parties concerned, that a division of said real estate should take place at once: Therefore—

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Contee, Charles Hill, Samuel Sprigg, William D. Bowie, and William Wells, (of George,) of Prince Georges county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners with full power and authority to lay off to Will B. Hill, the eldest son and devisee of William Hill, late of Prince George's county, deceased, his portion of the real estate of the said William Hill, adjoining to the dwelling house and lands attached thereto, which were specifically devised to him by the said William Hill, and the said commissioners or a majority of them be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to lay off the residue of the real estate of the said William Hill, equally between the other children and devisee of the said William Hill, who shall severally as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years, be authorised and empowered to elect one of said allotments, which shall thereafter be held by such child or devisee in security.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners or a majority of them be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered after dividing the real estate of the said William Hill, according to the provisions of the preceding section of this act, to estimate and determine what sum or sums of money shall be annually paid by each of the children or devisees aforesaid, to Ann S. Hill, the widow of the said William Hill, as an equivalent for her right of dower in and to

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