

such said decedent, the provisions of this section to apply to all cases including bills of review, bills of inter-pleader and supplemental bills.

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CHAPTER 638.

AN ACT granting the consent of the State of Maryland to the acquisition of certain lands within said State by the United States or by States or historical societies for the purpose of erecting monuments and of properly marking the positions of the different commands engaged in the battles of Antietam and of the Monocacy and for preserving said battle fields for historical purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the consent of the said State is hereby given to the acquisition by the United States, of such tracts of land in the neighborhood of the battle fields of Antietam and Monocacy in the State of Maryland as may be selected by the Secretary of War or such officer as he may designate for the purpose of erecting monuments or tablets for the proper marking of the positions of each of the several commands of the army of the United States engaged in the battles of Antietam and Monocacy, for opening and constructing roads and avenues in connection with the positions occupied by the Federal or Confederate forces engaged in said battles, for preservation of the grounds covered by said battle fields for historical and other purposes, and for making such other improvements in connection with said battle fields as the government of the United States may from time to time deem proper. For the purposes aforesaid the United States shall have, hold, use, occupy and own said lands when purchased or acquired and exercise jurisdiction and control over the same and every part thereof subject to the restrictions hereinafter mentioned.

SEC. 2. The jurisdiction of the State of Maryland in and over the said lands when acquired by the United States shall be and the same is hereby ceded to the United States and shall continue so long as the said lands shall remain the property of the United States and no longer; and the same shall be and continue exonerated from all taxes, assessments and other charges which may be levied under the authority of this State; provided however, that the State of Maryland shall and hereby does retain concurrent juris-

Consent of the State to acquisition of land for monuments.

Jurisdiction ceded to United States.