

Dec Sen 1825 beth Winters is hereby deprived of all claim in or to the property of John Winters.

Empowered. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Elizabeth Winters shall be and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover by compromise, suit or suits in law of equity, property of any kind, whether real, personal, or mixed, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a *feme sole*; and to hold, use and enjoy the same for her own use and benefit; and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure without the let, hindrance, molestation, interference or consent of her husband, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a *feme sole*; and may in her own name sue and be sued at law, and in equity in the same manner as if she were a *feme sole*.

Guardianship 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Elizabeth Winters be, and she is hereby declared to be entitled to the custody and guardianship of her children during their minority without the molestation, let, hindrance, interference or consent of the said John Winters.

CHAPTER 12

Passed Jan. 19, 1826. A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to introduce wholesome water into the city of Frederick.

Authority vested. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the president and directors of the Frederick Water Company be, and they are hereby vested with full right and authority to use and introduce into the city of Frederick, any body of water that may be necessary for a full supply of said city, and the same to convey in such manner and directions as they may deem most suitable and proper; *Provided, always*, that if compensation be required by any person whose rights may be affected for injury done them by the use and conveyance of water, as aforesaid; and such person should be unable to agree with said president and directors as relates to the amount of compensation, application may be made to Frederick county court, whose duty it shall be to direct the sheriff of said county, to summon five respectable men of his bailiwick, to view and value the injury, if any, that may have been done to the rights of the person affected as aforesaid; from whose decision either party may appeal to the county court, which shall give judgment according to the equity and right of the matter.

Proviso. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons designedly or negligently injuring the works of said company, or any part thereof, or obstructing the passage of their water, shall for every offence, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by said president and directors, on warrant and execution, by, and before any justice of the peace for the city or county of Frederick.

Injury.