

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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and upon a certain lot leased to said Etting by a certain Christopher Raborg, in or about the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, and which lot fronts twenty seven feet on Baltimore street extended, and runs northerly twenty seven feet in width to Park lane; the said Etting and his legal representatives, shall first be entitled to receive the amount of ground rents without interest, which may have been paid under the lease aforesaid; any law to the contrary notwithstanding, *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Etting or his legal representatives shall at any time within six months from the passage of this act, offer to the corporation of the city of Baltimore the said lot of ground on such terms and at such valuation as may be fixed upon by two impartial referees, one of which to be appointed by the said corporation, and the other by the said Etting or his representatives; and in case of the referees differing in opinion, the said valuation to be regulated by such third person as said referees may select; and upon such valuation being so made as aforesaid, and upon the said corporation paying the said valuation so to be estimated to the said Etting or his representatives, then and in that case the preceding enactment to be of no force.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 119.

An act respecting last Wills and Testaments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in every will which may be made after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and twenty six, whereby any lands or real property shall be devised to any person or persons, and no words of perpetuity or limitation are used in any such devise, the devisee or devisees shall take under and by virtue of such devise, the entire and absolute estate and interest of the testator or testatrix, in such lands or real property, unless it shall appear by devise over, or by words of limitation, or otherwise, that the testator or testatrix intended to devise a less estate and interest, and provided such will shall be in all respects executed and proved in the manner prescribed by law.

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Devise absolute exception is expressed.

CHAPTER 120.

An act relating to evidence in civil cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in every suit or action at law or in equity, in which it may be necessary to prove the execution of any instrument of writing whatsoever attested by a subscribing witness or witnesses, it shall and may be lawful to prove the execution of such instrument of writing in the same manner and by the same evidence that the same might be proved if not attested by a subscribing witness or witnesses; *Provided nevertheless*, that nothing in this

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Proof regulated.