

Authority to
pay debts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Dewit C. Handy, guardian of the children of Smart B. Lecompte, late of Dorchester county, be and he is hereby authorised to apply with the approbation of the orphans' court of Dorchester county, to the payment of the debts of Smart B. Lecompte remaining unpaid, so much of the rents of said real estate now in the hands of said guardian, or which shall hereafter come to his hands as guardian as aforesaid, as shall not be required for the maintenance and support of the children aforesaid.

In force

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from its passage.

CHAPTER 80.

Passed March
24, 1853.

AN ACT to amend the act entitled, an act for clearing out of Pocomoke River in Worcester County, by means of a Lottery, passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty, chapter two hundred and fifteen.

Commission-
ers appointed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Peter Whaley, Zadoc P. Henry, Curtis W. Jacobs, Bailey Hickman and Littleton R. Bishop, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners in the place of those mentioned in the act of eighteen hundred and forty, chapter two hundred and fifteen, and its supplements, and that the said commissioners hereby appointed, or a majority of them, have full power and authority to expend all the money which has been or may be raised under and in virtue of the said act, in making a ditch or canal of such dimensions as they may deem expedient, from some point in the Pocomoke river, to Birch Branch, or tributary of St. Martin's river.

Power to con-
tract.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to contract with any persons through whose lands the said ditch or canal may pass, for all the lands necessary to make said ditch or canal, and if the said commissioners shall be unable to acquire the necessary lands by contract with the owners by reason