

that an executor is bound to account for the sales of personal estate, and the orphans' court may allow such executor a commission on the proceeds of such sale, not less than two nor more than ten per cent., but such sale shall not be valid or effectual unless ratified and confirmed by the orphans' court, after notice by publication given in the same manner as practiced in cases of sales of lands under decrees in equity, and the bond of such executor shall be answerable for the proceeds of sales of the real estate which may come in his possession, to the same extent as if it were personal estate in his hands; in case the purchaser of any such real estate has transferred, or shall transfer, his said purchase to another person, it shall be lawful for the orphans' court, upon petition in writing by the original purchaser and such assignee, and upon being satisfied that such substitute or transfer may be made without injury to the estate, to pass an order substituting such assignee as purchaser of the said real estate, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, regard being had to the interests of the estate, and directing the executor to convey the said real estate to the said assignee, his heirs and assigns; provided, however, that it shall not be necessary to the validity of the sale of any such real estate by the executor, that the same be ratified by the orphans' court as aforesaid, in any case where a court of equity of competent jurisdiction has assumed jurisdiction in relation to the sale of any such real estate.

Not valid unless ratified.

Substitute assignee.

Proviso.

Approved April 8, 1884.

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### Chapter 427.

AN ACT to regulate the Hours of Workingmen employed in and about the Mines of Alleghany and Garrett counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the period of employment of workingmen employed in and about the mines of Alleghany and Garrett counties shall be ten hours per day, said hours to be computed from the time of be-

Hours in mines