any purpose for which the original articles would have been evi- enap. 44.

dence had the same been produced.

3. And be it enacted, That all the right and title which John ty acquired by vir. C. Brown acquired, by virtue of his marriage with Elizabeth tue of his marriage M. Brown, to any property which she may become entitled to in any way or manner whatever, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void; and that the said Elizabeth M. Brown be and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, all such property, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a feme sole, and had never been married, and to hold, use and enjoy the same, for her use and benefit, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the molestation, interference, hindrance or consent of her husband, in the same manner as she could or might have done were she a feme sole; Provided always, that nothing in this act Provise shall affect the rights of third persons acquired prior to the ex-

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ecution of the articles of separation in this act mentioned.

A Supplement to the act to provide for the preservation of the Records be- Passed Jan 30, 1827 longing to the Office of the Clerk of Somerset County.

Whereas the counties of Somerset and Worcester were for-Preamble merly one county, and a considerable portion of the records auhorised to be transcribed and rebound by the act to which this is a supplement, are those of the said counties, before the division thereof, and it is reasonable that Worcester county should bear a proportion of the expenses incurred under said act; Therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Commissioners That Ara Spence, Lemuel Spence and John C. Handy, Estain what part of quires, of Worcester county, be and they are hereby appointed expense shall be a pointed by Worcester to the county when the county we have the county we have the county when the county we have the county we have the county when the county we have the county we have the county when the county we have the county we have the county when the county we have the county we have the county when the county we have the county when the county w commissioners, to ascertain what part of the expense incurred county under the said act, should be paid by Worcester county; and the levy court of Worcester are hereby authorised and directed to levy such sum of money as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall so ascertain; which sum of money shall be for the use of the clerk of Somerset county, and be to him paid, when collected by the collector of Worcester county, in part satisfaction for the services which, by the said act, he is directed to perform.

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An Act for the relief of Elizabeth Saturfield, of Caroline County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the levy court of Caroline county are hereby authorised, empowered and directrd, to levy on the assessable property of said county annually, a um of money not exceeding thirty, nor less than twenty dolars, for the support and maintenance of Elizabeth Saturfield of aid county, during her natural life, which sum, when so levied and collected, shall be paid over by the collector of said county, to the said Elizabeth Saturfield, or her order.

Paned Feb 1, 182? Levy authorised