

hip and in good repair his, her, or their respective proportions thereof; and if any one of the owners or possessors, upon the request of the other, shall refuse to make or repair the said fence or fences, within twenty days after notice given, that then, upon proof thereof before a justice of the peace, it shall be lawful for the said justice to order the person aggrieved and suffering thereby, to repair the said fence or fences, who shall be reimbursed his costs and expenses, to be recovered in the same manner as is or shall be prescribed by law for the recovery of debts.

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3. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever, not having their grounds enclosed with such sufficient fence as aforesaid, shall impound, hurt, kill or do damage, to any horse, sheep, hogs, or any kind of cattle, belonging to any other person, by impounding, hunting, or driving them out of or from the said grounds, shall make good all such damages sustained thereby, to the owner or owners thereof, as shall be awarded by two respectable landholders, under their oath, or affirmation, who may view the same; the said damages to be recovered in the same manner as is prescribed for the recovery of damages in the two first sections of this act.

Persons whose fences are not lawful, injuring cattle, &c. to pay damages

## CHAP. LXXXIII.

An Act for the relief of Mary Snowden, of Cecil County.

Passed Feb 13, 1827

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, the marriage contract between John Snowden and Mary Snowden, is hereby declared to be annulled and destroyed, and the authority, power and control, of the said John Snowden, over and to the person and property of Mary Snowden, his wife, shall henceforth cease and determine; and all the rights which the said John Snowden acquired by the said marriage contract, and all liabilities for the debts of his said wife arising from the said marriage, shall henceforth utterly cease and determine; and the said Mary Snowden is hereby declared to be divorced from her husband, John Snowden, as entirely and to as full extent, as if the said John Snowden were dead, or as if she the said Mary Snowden had never been joined in matrimony with him.

Divorce granted

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mary Snowden shall 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, property of any kind, whether real, personal or mixed, in as full and ample a manner, as if she were, and had always been 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, John Snowden, in as full and ample manner as if she were, and always had been, a *feme sole*, and may in her own name sue and be sued, at law and in equity.

Mary Snowden to have and hold property as if she were a feme sole

3. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid Mary Snowden be, and she is hereby declared to be entitled to the custody and guardianship of her children by her present marriage, during their minority.

Entitled to guardianship of her children