

of a certain tract of land situated in Anne Arundel county, for want of heirs of a certain John A. Queen, deceased, intestate; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The County Surveyor for said Anne Arundel county made return of said tract of land, showing that said tract contained forty-one and three-quarter acres of land, and placed a net valuation thereon of one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixteen cents; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The said Mrs. Melissa McCullough Brown failed to pay the said sum of money, but took possession of said property; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, A previous warrant of resurvey had been by said Land Commissioner issued to one ——— Phelps, which was never paid for; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The said real estate was put on the assessment list of Anne Arundel county at the time of the general assessment in eighteen hundred and seventy-six; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, On the tenth day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, one George B. White, collector of county and State taxes in Anne Arundel county, sold to the said William T. Joyce for taxes in default the said tract of land at and for the sum of one hundred and four dollars and thirteen cents, and gave a deed therefor to said Joyce duly of record among the Land Records of Anne Arundel county, in Liber S. H. No. 23, folio 121, &c.; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, If said property had been assessed by the collector of county and State taxes for county and State purposes and no warrant of resurvey had ever been issued from the land office, the title of the purchaser would have been indefeasible, but owing to the fact that said warrants had been issued, the title cannot so vest without the enactment of a law in this behalf; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Under the equities of the case it appears that the said Joyce is entitled to relief in the premises; therefore,

Title to land perfected. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the tax sale of the land in the preamble to this act mentioned, made by George B. White, collector of county and State taxes in Anne Arundel county, to William I. Joyce, of forty-one and three-quarter acres of land in the year 1883, and conveyed by deed dated the 21st day of January, 1884, duly of record among the land records for Anne Arundel county, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and that the title