

2. Any woman, whether single or married, whose character or reputation as a woman of chastity may be traduced or defamed by any person, may sustain an action of slander in her own name against such person.

3. If the woman so injured shall be a *feme sole* under the age of eighteen years, she may prosecute such action of slander by her *prochein ami*.

4. The husband of any female may prosecute and sustain an action of slander against any person for words falsely and maliciously spoken subsequently to her marriage, touching her character or reputation for chastity before or during her marriage.

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

Approved April 5, 1888.

Chapter 446.

AN ACT to repeal section one hundred and forty-four of article ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Guardian and Ward," and re-enact the same as follows :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section one hundred and forty-four of article ninety-three of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Guardian and Ward," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows :

144. Whenever land shall descend or be devised to a male under the age of twenty-one years, or to a female under the age of eighteen years, or any such male or female shall be entitled to a distributive share of the personal estate of any intestate, or to a legacy or bequest under a last will or codicil, or may acquire any real or personal property, or estate by gift or by purchase, and the said male or female shall not