

things recited and declared that the aforesaid lands had been purchased by the said declarants for account of and with moneys supplied by certain persons in said declaration generally designated, and that the interests of said persons had been divided into shares, and that the said declarants had issued to the said persons or shareholders certificates expressive of their respective proportional interests in the said lands, which said certificates purported on their face to be transferable by assignment on the back thereof, and that at the end of a term of ten years therein specified, the disposition to be made of said lands, whether to continue the use thereof to the Maryland State Agricultural Society or otherwise to dispose of them, shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the aforesaid shares; *and whereas*, recently and after the expiration of the aforesaid term of ten years, and by direction and with the consent and approval of the then holders of the then major part in number of the said shares as it is said, the said Chauncy Brooks, Zenos Barnum, Alexander Murdock, William Devries and Johns Hopkins, sold the said lands in parcels to divers persons at public sale, and for the reasonable values of the said parcels, but the said purchasers have refused to comply with their contracts of purchase aforesaid, on the ground that the said trustees are unable to convey to the purchasers of said parcels, titles therein, which will protect the said purchasers as against the original holders of said shares or their legal representatives; for the purpose of removing all doubt in regard to the powers of the said trustees to make sale of said lands, and to convey a good title to the purchasers thereof hereunder.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Circuit Court for Baltimore city, or the Superior Court of Baltimore city, on any bill filed by the said Chauncy Brooks, Zenos Barnum, Alexander Murdock, William Devries and Johns Hopkins, or the survivors or survivor of them, against ten or more of the then holders of certificates issued by them as is hereinbefore recited, and upon the consent of said defendants, and upon its

Decree for
sale of lands
asked.