

being shown to the said court, that the major part in number of the holders of said certificates desire a sale of said lands to be made, and that a sale thereof will be of advantage to all parties interested therein, to pass a decree authorizing and empowering the said trustees or their survivors or survivor of them to make sale of said lands on such terms as the said court may think expedient, and after ratification of said sales, and after publication of such notice to the shareholders as is usual in the case of a suit for administration of the real or personal assets of a debtor deceased, the said court shall make distribution of the net proceeds of said sales to and amongst the original or the present holders of certificates issued as aforesaid, or other persons who may in the judgment of the said court be entitled to share in said distribution.

To give bond. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That before proceeding to make sale of said lands as is hereinbefore directed, the said trustees or the survivors or survivor of them shall give bond to the State of Maryland, to be executed by them or him with a surety or sureties to be approved by the said court, in the penalty of two hundred thousand dollars and with condition for the faithful performance of the trust to be reposed in them as aforesaid.

Not to give validity to any sale already made. Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein shall give validity to any sale already made as aforesaid by the said Trustees, but every question touching the validity of any and every such sale or sales, and every application for a specific performance of any and every such sale or sales, shall be determined in like manner as if this act had not been passed, and without being aided thereby so as to enforce a specific performance of said sales, or any of them.

In force. Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage thereof.