

CHAP. 184. late of Frederick county, died intestate about fifteen days ago, seized of a small tract or parcel of land, situate in said county, containing about three acres, which was conveyed to him by a certain Daniel Plane, by deed bearing date the twentieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and recorded amongst the land records of said county, in Liber W. R. No. 43, folios 180, 181, and 182; that the said Henry Bruce, left no other heirs or near relations, except the following, viz. Lydia Evert, a sister of the said Henry, and George Bruce, Isaac Bruce, and David Bruce, sons of John Bruce, a deceased brother of the said Henry, all of whom were born free and are still living; that the said Lydia, George, Isaac, and David, are now in possession of the said land, and are desirous to sell the same, but cannot make a satisfactory title by reason of their inability to prove the marriage of the parents of the said Henry; and it seems reasonable that the said tenants and claimants of the said land, should hold, and be confirmed in their right to the same, free and clear of all right or claim thereto of the State, by escheat or otherwise: Therefore,

Claim relinquished Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all right, claim, and demand of the State of Maryland, in and to the land aforesaid, be and the same is hereby relinquished.

Right conferred Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Lydia Evert, George Bruce, Isaac Bruce, and David Bruce, be and they are hereby declared to be able and capable in law, to take, hold, and inherit the land aforesaid, from the said Henry Bruce deceased, and also that they be, and are hereby declared to be capable in law to take and inherit both real and personal property from each other, in like manner as if they, and also the said Henry, had been born in lawful wedlock.

CHAPTER 184.

Passed Mar. 12, 1835 *An act authorising the Commissioners of Washington County, to erect a Stone Bridge across the Antietam Creek, where the road from Sharpsburgh to the Maple Swamp, crosses said Creek.*

Authority given *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of Washington county, be and they are