CHAP. 148, said George M. Tyler, after he shall have become, by law, independent of the restraints of parental authority, so as to save him from the evil effects of his unfortunate propensities, from the machinations of the unprincipled, and from his own unwariness:-Therefore.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the County Court of Frederick county, sitting as a Court of Chancery, upon the application by petition in writing of the said Dr. William Bradly Tyler, or of any other relation, or next friend of the said George M. Tyler, in case of the death, or other inability of the said Dr. William Bradly Tyler to act in the premises, to pass an order or decree declaring the said George M. Tyler a ward of the said Court, incompetent to make a valid contract; and thereupon the said Court shall appoint some suitable person or persons, trustee or trustees for the care, custody, and charge of the person and estate of the said George M. Tyler, in the same manner as if he had been duly found

inquirendo, to be a person non compos mentis; Provided nevertheless, that the said Court shall first be satisfied by affidavits to be prepared, or by testimony to be taken in open Court, or before a Commissioner to be specially assigned for that purpose, that the said George M. Tyler, is incompetent to conduct himself with discretion, and manage his estate with ordinary prudence.

by inquisition, upon the execution of a writ, de lunatico

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That such application by petition, in writing, as is mentioned in the preceding section may be made at any time after the passage of this act, either during the minority of the said George M. Tyler, or after; Provided, the same be made within the period of one year after the passage of this act; and in case of such application, during the minority of the said George M. Tyler, and decree thereon, such decree shall avail, de bene esse, to take effect in operation next immediately after the said George M. Tyler shall have attained his majority.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That all or any of the provisions of law, in force within this State, respecting idiots, lunatics, or persons non compos mentis, shall be deemed to extend, and the same are hereby declared to extend so far as the same may be applicable, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, to the case of the said George M. Tyler, as well with respect to forms of proceding as with respect to any decree or order for the care and disposal of his person, and for the management and dis-

position of his estate.