

of considerable real property therein, but from his not having been naturalized cannot receive conveyances for the same, and hath prayed that he may be enabled to receive conveyances for and hold the said real property, and also that he may be enabled to purchase and hold other real property in said state; therefore,

C H A P.  
XXVI.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all contracts made or entered into between the said William Thomas and any other person for the conveyance of any real property in this state, shall have the same effect, and be of the same validity, as if the said William Thomas had been, at the time of making the same, a citizen of the United States, and all conveyances made or executed to the said William Thomas, in virtue of any such contract or agreement, shall be as valid as if the said William Thomas was a citizen of the United States.

Contracts to  
have effect, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said William Thomas, by deed hereafter to be made, to take and hold lands within this state, and sell and convey, or devise the same, or transmit the same to his heirs, (being citizens of the United States,) in as full and ample manner as if he was a citizen of the United States; provided, that unless the said William Thomas shall, on or before the first day of June next, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned to have been contracted for, nor shall he be entitled to the privilege above mentioned of purchasing and holding real property in this state, but if the said William Thomas shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he might become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any person being a citizen of the United States.

W. Thomas  
may take and  
hold lands, &c.

C H A P. XXVII.

## A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

Passed 8th of  
January, 1803.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and one, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, and to which this is a supplement, no person or persons are permitted to export, or carry out of this state by land or water, any tobacco, unless in hogsheads, inspected, passed and marked, at some public warehouse, under the fines, penalties and forfeitures, in the said act mentioned: And whereas great and manifest injury and inconvenience is suffered by the citizens of this state, in being prohibited from transporting and carrying their tobacco into the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, before the same is packed in hogsheads, inspected, passed and marked as aforesaid, at some public warehouse; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any inhabitant of this state to export, or carry by land or water, any tobacco, either in hogsheads or otherwise, without the same having been first inspected, passed and marked, at any public warehouse, into the said county of Washington, in the said district of Columbia, any thing in the said act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any inhabitant  
may export to-  
bacco, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from and after the passing of this act, no person or persons shall be prosecuted, or in any manner molested, for any fine, penalty or forfeiture, heretofore incurred for having carried any tobacco into the said county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, contrary to the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement; and that any fine, penalty or forfeiture, which any person may be liable for on account of having carried tobacco into the county aforesaid, and for which a prosecution is now depending or commenced, so far as the interest of the state extends, be and the same is hereby remitted and released; provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to affect the right which any person may have acquired as informer of any such offence, but that all such penalties, unless such informer shall otherwise direct, shall go on and be prosecuted in the same manner as if this act had not passed; provided always, that in case the prosecution shall be carried on, it shall be at the costs of such informer, any thing in this, or the original act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

No person to  
be prosecuted,  
&c.

IV. AND, whereas it is represented that there is in some of the warehouses in this state tobacco which has remained therein several years, without being called for by the owners thereof, and that the said tobacco from continuing in the said warehouses may be damaged; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the inspectors at the several warehouses shall, on or before the first day of April next, and in the same month of every year thereafter, cause to be inserted in some one of the Baltimore

Inspectors to  
advertise, &c.