

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

An ACT to authorise and empower the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore to hear and determine the matter of the Decree of the late Court of Appeals of June Term, eighteen hundred, between Benedict Edward Hall, Executor of Amos Garratt, deceased, and Administrator *de bonis non* with the Will annexed of Peter Dicks, deceased, and the Representatives of Jacob Giles, deceased.

WHEREAS Samuel Gover, and others, have represented to this general assembly, that the cause depending between Benedict Edward Hall, executor of Amos Garratt, deceased, and administrator *de bonis non* with the will annexed of Peter Dicks, deceased, against the representatives of Jacob Giles, deceased, came on for trial in the late court of appeals at June term, eighteen hundred; that Benjamin Rumsey, Benjamin Mackall and Thomas Jones, were the judges who signed the decree given in the said cause, and that Benjamin Rumsey, at that time, was the presiding judge of the said court, and that he declared, that being nearly related to one of the parties, he could not act in the usual manner, but that if he concurred in opinion with the other judges he would sign the decree, so as to make up the legal number of judges required for constituting the court, and which he did accordingly: And whereas the present court of appeals have ordered an argument how far the said decree is conclusive, and the said petitioners have prayed that an act may pass authorising the court of appeals to hear and determine the matter of the decree of June term, eighteen hundred, in this case, in the same manner as if that decree had never been made; and it appearing to the general assembly of Maryland that the manner in which the said Benjamin Rumsey acted in signing the decree aforesaid, without sitting in judgment in the said case, was not in conformity to the spirit of the constitution, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the court of appeals for the western shore be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and directed, to hear and determine the matter of the decree of the court of appeals of June term, eighteen hundred, in the said cause, in the same manner as if that decree had never been made.

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An ACT respecting the Land Records of Saint-Mary's County.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that certain land records belonging to the office of Saint-Mary's county court, previous to the revolution, are incomplete, by reason that conveyances therein are alphabetted only in the names of the grantors;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Saint-Mary's county be, and they are hereby authorised and required, to cause proper alphabets to be made to the land records, before the revolution, belonging to the office of the said county court, if in their opinion the said records shall require the same, and if any of the said records shall require transcribing, the said justices shall direct the same to be done.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said levy court shall make the clerk of the said county court such allowance for his trouble therein as they shall think just and proper, and they shall levy, on the assessable property of the said county, such sum of money as they shall so allow to the said clerk, to be collected and paid over by the collector of the said county to the said clerk.

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An ACT for the relief and benefit of Horatio Moore, of Charles County.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of Charles county court, or any one of them in the recess of the said court, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to extend to Horatio Moore, of Charles county, the benefit and relief of the act of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the supplementary acts thereto, without compelling the said Horatio Moore to produce any evidence of his having resided within the state of Maryland for the two years last previous to his application for the benefit thereof, in the same manner as if he had actually resided within this state agreeably to the provisions of the said act, and the supplementary acts thereto.

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