

## CHAPTER 217.

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*An act to perfect and make valid the title of John B. Thomas, of Queen Anne's County, to certain Negroes therein mentioned.* Passed Feb. 26, 1841.

WHEREAS, John B. Thomas, of Queen Anne's county, administrator of a certain Nathaniel Wright, late of said county, deceased, having heretofore set forth to the judges of the orphans' court of said county that he had made many fruitless efforts to sell and dispose of a negro woman named Ann and her two children, Alexander and Nat, belonging to said estate; that he had offered them at the appraisal without being able to effect a sale; and the said John B. Thomas being desirous to settle and close his administration on said estate, the said orphans' court, at the December term thereof, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-three, did pass an order authorising and permitting the said John B. Thomas to take the said negroes at their appraised value, and that he be the purchaser of said negroes; and whereas, the said John B. Thomas, by virtue of the said order and authority of the said orphans' court, did take said negroes on said terms, and has since completed his administration and passed a final account, and in said account has been charged with, and accounted for the appraised value of said negroes; and whereas, the title of the said John B. Thomas, acquired as aforesaid to the said negroes, might be hereafter questioned and become a subject of dispute and litigation, unless the proceedings of the orphans' court aforesaid in this behalf, be ratified, confirmed and made legal by legislative enactment; and for that purpose, and the more effectually to secure the title of the said John B. Thomas in and to the said negroes, and to prevent any dispute, controversy or suit that might hereafter arise or be brought for or about said negroes—therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the proceedings aforesaid of the said orphans' court, be ratified, confirmed and made legal; and that the title of the said John B. Thomas in and to the said negro woman Ann, and her two children Alexander and Nat, acquired as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby made perfect, and as valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, as if he the said John B. Thomas, had purchased said negroes from the said Nathaniel Wright during his life time.

Preamble  
Proceedings confirmed