

CHAP. 207. that in all cases when such non-resident or non-residents are non compos mentis, no decree shall pass unless the allegations in the bill or petition are fully proved under a commission to be issued for that purpose; *and provided further*, that in all cases of non compos mentis non-resident defendants, the Court at the time of issuing the commission to take testimony, shall assign a solicitor for such non-resident defendant or defendants, to cross examine the witnesses, which solicitor shall be paid by the plaintiff, or out of the estate of the defendant at the discretion of the Court.

Proviso.

Chancellor to order publication.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That in all cases where it is unknown whether a person who ought to be a party to a bill in Chancery be living or dead, or whether such person if dead, has left any heirs, or if the heirs be unknown, in all such cases, the bill may describe such unknown persons as the heirs of the person, who, if living, would be the proper party; and the county Court or Chancellor, as the case may be, shall order notice by publication to be given to such persons according to their description in the bill; and the same proceedings shall be had against them as are now had against non-resident defendants named in a bill in Chancery; and any decree which may be passed shall have the same effect against those described as the heirs of a particular person, as if each of such heirs were named in such bill.

#### CHAPTER 207.

Passed March 7, 1843. *A supplement to an act entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one, the act to incorporate the American Life Insurance and Trust Company, and the several supplements thereto.*

Allowed five years.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the American Life Insurance or Trust Company, be and the same are hereby allowed five years from and after the passage of this act, to liquidate and wind up the affairs of said company, and to settle all transactions now open, and outstanding, for which objects, the said corporation is hereby continued for the said term of five years.