

eighteen hundred and twenty, chapter one hundred and ninety one, that thereupon a commission issued in manner prescribed by said act, and a majority of the commissioners on the tenth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, made return thereof to said court, stating in substance and effect that the said real estate consisted of an unimproved lot of ground which they deemed it inexpedient to divide, and that in their judgment and opinion the said lot was of the real value of one thousand dollars current money; that thereafter the said petitioner being the eldest person entitled, elected to take said estate and to pay to the others their just proportions in money; *and whereas*, the said petitioner further states that it does not appear from the return of the aforesaid commissioners, that the notice required by the act of Assembly was ever given, and that by reason of the death of one of the said commissioners, the mental incapacity of another, and the entire absence of all recollection of the third on the subject of such notice, from the great lapse of time since the execution of said commission, he is now unable to establish that fact; that in addition to the above defect in the proceedings in said case, the parties entitled to the remaining two-fourths of said real estate, were at the time of filing said petition, minors, having no guardian, and for whom none was appointed by said court; *and whereas*, the said petitioner further states, that relying upon the validity of the said proceedings, he has since the twelfth day of April eighteen hundred and twenty-six, paid to several of the parties the shares of said estate; and has made large disbursements on account of the said lot, and as the owner thereof, and has prayed the passage of a law to confirm the said proceedings—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Baltimore county court or any judge thereof, be and they are hereby authorised finally to ratify the return of said commissioners, and to pass such other orders in the case as to them may seem just.

Return, &c. to
be ratified by
B. county ct.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any one of the acting commissioners may and shall, upon the payment of the balance which may be due by the said William P. Stewart, when ascertained by the auditor of Baltimore county court, to the parties entitled or into court, execute a deed in fee simple to the said William P. Stewart, for the lot aforesaid.

To execute a
deed, &c.