

## CHAPTER 23.

## CHAP. 24.

*An act to define certain powers of the Courts of Chancery* Passed Mar. 16,  
in this State. 1840.

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained by some of Preamble.  
the courts in this State, whether the twelfth section of  
the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, chapter  
seventy-two, and the seventh section of the act of eigh-  
teen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and  
eleven, authorizes and empowers the county courts, as  
courts of equity, to decree the sale of land wherein a feme  
covert may have a potential right of dower acquired by  
her marriage to one of the heirs at law, and to be enjoy-  
ed by her in case of her surviving her husband, so as  
effectually to bar such future claim of dower by such feme  
covert—therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Courts of equity  
That the several county courts of this State, sitting as to decree sale  
courts of equity, or any judge, are fully authorized and of land, &c.  
empowered to decree the sale in all cases of any land or  
real estate held jointly or in common by two or more  
persons; and a sale under such decree shall pass to the  
purchaser, all the right, title, interest and estate of all  
persons who are parties to the suit, either complainants or  
defendants; and if any feme covert, by marriage with one If feme covert.  
of the joint tenant or tenants in common, shall have ac-  
quired a potential right of dower in part of the estate to  
be sold, such right of dower is hereby expressly declared  
to be within the power of the court or judge, to decree the  
sale, she being made a party to the proceedings, either  
complainant or defendant.

## CHAPTER 24.

*An act relating to Foreign Corporations and their Agencies* Passed Mar. 13,  
in this State. 1840.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of* Agents to pay  
*Maryland,* That any person or persons who shall act as—\$2 per cent.  
agent or agents within this State for any individuals or as-  
sociation of individuals or companies not incorporated and  
authorized by the laws of this State, to make insurances  
on marine or fire risks or insurances on lives, although