

**CHAP. 327.** tract or part of a tract of land called Knowess Range, to them and their heirs forever, and it is also represented that there was at the time of the execution of said will, no law existing in the said province of Maryland authorising the manumission of slaves by last will and testament, and it is further represented that the said devisees are all dead and have left but two heirs, and that one of the said heirs, viz; Rebecca Oliver, now Rebecca Hawkins, joined in a deed with her husband David Hawkins, to Thomas Walker, bearing date July the sixth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, duly acknowledged and recorded in the clerks office of Queen Anne's county, in one of the land record books for said county, but said deed did not owing to the invalidity of the will under which the parties, grantors derived their right, convey to the said Thomas Walker such a title as is desirable—therefore,

Will made valid.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the will of the said John Gibb, be and the same is hereby declared to be valid; and that the negroes therein mentioned, or such of their children as may be alive at the time of the passage of this act, are declared to be free.

Devisees put into possession

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That the devisees of John Gibb, or any of them, or any of their heirs that may be alive at the time of the passage of this act, be and they are hereby put in entire possession of the land devised them by said will unless they or any of them have sold their interest in said land.

Good and sufficient deed.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That the deed made by David Hawkins and Rebecca Hawkins, his wife, to Thomas Walker, for their portion of the land which they held under the will of the late John Gibb, be and the same is hereby declared to be a good and sufficient deed to convey to the said Thomas Walker, all the right, title or interest that the said David Hawkins and Rebecca Hawkins, his wife, may have had or may have in consequence of the passage of this act, in said lands, and that the title of the State in said lands, whatsoever it is, be and the same is hereby relinquished.