

Passed Feb.
25, 1847.

An act entitled, an act for the benefit of Jane Black and others.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented that a certain Joseph Black, late of Baltimore county, died in eighteen hundred and thirty, leaving a widow named Jane Black, and five children, two of whom are now of age, and that the said Joseph Black left certain unproductive property, consisting of soap-stone quarries and water rights, on the Patapsco Falls, in Baltimore county; that it would be for the interest of the parties concerned that these quarries and water rights should be leased with such land as may be necessary to use them to advantage—Therefore,

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Jane Black, the widow aforesaid, and guardian of William C. Black, Bathsheba Black and Joseph Black, the three minor children of the said Joseph Black be, and she is hereby authorised and empowered to execute and make a good and valid lease for ninety-nine years, renewable forever, or for any shorter term or terms of all or any part of the property aforesaid leased.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all the acts done by the said Jane Black in pursuance of this act, shall be as valid and binding to all intents and purposes, as if they had been done by the said William C. Black, Bathsheba Black and Joseph Black, after they attain to the age of twenty-one years.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Jane Black, before she proceeds to execute the lease authorised by this act, shall give bond in the usual form with security as guardian to the minor children, in such penalty as the orphans court of Baltimore county shall direct for the due performance of her duty as such; *provided nevertheless,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorise the said Jane Black, as guardian aforesaid of said infant children, to execute said lease so as to bind the rights and interests of said infants in said water rights and soap-stone quarries, after their arrival at full age, unless the orphans court of Baltimore county, upon a full and satisfactory examination, shall certify and record the same among their records, their judgment and opinion that said lease, if now executed, will be for the benefit of said infants.

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