

*provided*, that if any person or persons, or his, her or their representatives, against whom any such fees, taxes or levies may have been rendered, will make oath or affirmation, before a justice of the peace, that the same has been satisfied or paid, that this act shall not extend to such cases; *provided also*, that the powers conferred by this act, shall not continue in force longer than the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

CHAPTER 475.

*An act for the benefit of the wife and children of Isaac Downes, a deceased colored man, of Caroline County.* Passed Mar. 9, 1850.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, That a certain Isaac Downes, colored man, of Caroline county, departed this life, some years ago, leaving real property, namely: a house and lot, consisting of two or three acres, and leaving a wife and children, who under the laws of this State, are incompetent to inherit the same—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the wife and children of the said Isaac Downes, be and the same are hereby made capable of taking the said property, subject to the provisions of the act regulating descents, in this State. May hold prop. erty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in said act, regulating descents in this State, or any other acts which incapacitates free negroes from inheritants, shall apply the wife and children of the said Isaac Downes. Exemption

CHAPTER 476.

*An act to increase the Levy Court of Calvert county, from three members to six, to be elected by the people.* Passed Mar. 9, 1850

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the first Wednesday in Octo- Day of election prescribed