

an alienation in the meanwhile of any property now held by said Williams, as to the court may seem consistent with equity, it being the design of this act to remove any legal impediment to the granting of the prayer of said Williams' petition, and to afford him such redress upon the principles of justice and equity as he may show himself entitled to when relieved from the operation of any technical or rigid rule of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said court, in its discretion, may stay execution upon said decree until said application shall be heard and adjudicated, and either party shall have the right to an appeal from any order or decree to be passed upon the said petition or application, and in the event of an appeal, this act shall apply to the court of appeals in like manner and to the same extent as it is designed to apply to the court aforesaid.

Court may stay execution.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage. In force.

CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to incorporate the Elkridge Manufacturing and Milling Company.

Passed
Mar. 8, 1854.

WHEREAS, large quantities of iron, grain and other products of the State of Maryland are annually taken to the northern and eastern States to be manufactured, a considerable part of which, when manufactured, is returned to this State for sale and use, and our citizens are thereby taxed with the cost of transportation, commissions, manufacture, profits and other charges to a great amount in the aggregate, all which might be saved if the valuable water power in this State, either wholly unimproved or but partially improved, were fully developed; *and whereas* this beneficial purpose can in no way so surely be accomplished as by the combination of capital sanctioned and regulated by the laws of this State; Therefore,

Preamble.