

CHAPTER 51.

Passed Feb. 24, 1854. AN ACT for the benefit of the widow and children of John Zeabaugh, late of Allegany county.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented to this Legislature that John Zeabaugh, late of Allegany county, an alien did in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, declare his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and died before becoming naturalized, leaving a widow and children, and possessing real estate; Therefore,

Right granted. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State of Maryland, does hereby grant to the widow and children of John Zeabaugh, late of Allegany county, all its right, title and interest in and to any real estate which was possessed by the said Zeabaugh at the time of his decease.

In force. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from its passage.

CHAPTER 52.

Passed Feb. 24, 1854. AN ACT to make valid a deed from Stephen Whales, free negro, to Henry Elliott and Edward Thomas, of Dorchester county.

Preamble. WHEREAS, Stephen Whales, a free negro of Dorchester county, executed, acknowledged and delivered his deed, bearing date September the seventh, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty, for certain real estate therein mentioned to Henry Elliott and Edward Thomas, of said county, but the justice of the peace, who took the acknowledgment of the said Whales, failed or omitted to certify, as they are required by law to do, that of their own knowledge or that it was satisfactorily proven to them, that the said Stephen Whales, was the same person who was represented as and professed to be the party grantor in said deed, and it is apprehended that by reason of said omission, no title has passed by said deed to the grantee; Therefore,