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Lord eighteen hundred and eleven, declare on oath before the judges of the said court, that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the said United States; and that he had in all other respects complied with the terms and conditions contained in the act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject;" all which appears to the satisfaction of this General Assembly: *And whereas*, The said John Farckarson, by his petition aforesaid, hath further set forth, that he is about to purchase considerable property within this State, real, personal and mixed, but which he is advised he cannot hold without a special act of the General Assembly of Maryland, in his behalf for this purpose, by reason that three years have not elapsed, since his application as aforesaid, to entitle him to be admitted a citizen of the United States according to the first condition in the act of Congress aforesaid contained, and as such to purchase and hold property within this or any other State; and has prayed this General Assembly to pass an act enabling him to purchase and hold property within this State, and to dispose of the same in any manner he may deem fit and convenient, and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing to be reasonable and just; *Therefore*,

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said John Farckarson, from and after the passage of this act be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to purchase, hold and enjoy any real property within this State, and the same to dispose of by sale, grant or devise, in such manner as the said John Farckarson shall deem fit and convenient, in as full and ample a manner as the said John Farckarson could or might have done had he been heretofore regularly naturalized according to the laws of this State, or of the United States, any law, custom or usage to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said John Farckarson to hold any real property he may acquire by purchase as aforesaid, unless he shall become a naturalized citizen of the United States so soon as the same can be done, agreeably to the act of Congress, in such cases made and provided.

He may purchase and hold or dispose of real property.

Provide.