

CHAPTER 174.

An act for the relief of Charles Thompson, of Dorchester county.

SEC. 1 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the real property, lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid Charles Thompson, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be, and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the said Charles Thompson, as if the said Thompson had become naturalized, agreeably to the laws of the United States, before the acquiring such real property: *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim to the said property or any part thereof, lawfully acquired by any person or persons whatsoever, before the passage of this act.

1812.
Passed Dec.
29, 1812.
Title to property confirmed.

Proviso.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all such deed or deeds of conveyance, made and executed by the said Charles Thompson, to the several persons who may have purchased property of him prior to his becoming naturalized, shall be as good and valid to all intents and purposes as if the said Charles Thompson had been legally naturalized.

Deeds of conveyance.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any real property hereafter acquired by the said Charles Thompson shall be vested in him, as fully and as amply as if he had been regularly naturalized: *Provided*, Nothing in this act contained shall have any effect or operation in law, unless the said Charles Thompson shall become a naturalized citizen of the United States, so soon as the same can be done agreeably to the acts of Congress in such cases made and provided.

Real property hereafter acquired.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 175

An act for the benefit of James Gouty, Mary Gouty, Lucretia Gouty and John Stevens Gouty, orphan children of Zachariah Gouty, late of Caroline county, deceased.

Passed Dec.
29, 1812.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of Abel Gouty, administrator of Zachariah Gouty, that the said Zachariah Gouty died intestate, leaving four small children, and that the whole of his personal estate has been consumed in the payment of his just debts, and that the said Zachariah Gouty died seized of a small tract of land lying in Caroline county aforesaid,

Preamble.