

three, thirty hundred and sixty-five, thirty-two hundred and thirty-nine, and thirty-two hundred and forty, lying in Allegany county, and contiguous to each other, were duly awarded by the Commissioners appointed under the aforesaid act, to Elijah Evans, a captain of the Maryland line in the army of the Revolution, and a ticket received from said Commissioners for said lots, *And whereas*, said lots were sold and an assignment made by the said Elijah Evans to General Otho H. Williams, late of Washington county, whose heirs have held them in possession, and exercised ownership thereon, up to the present time; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the aforesaid assignment or conveyance, mentioned and recited in the preamble of this act, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual in law and equity, as if the same had been made by deed in proper form, by the said Elijah Evans, before a Judge of a court of law, or a justice of the peace, and certified in due form, by the clerk of said court, as required by the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall affect the rights of *bona fide* purchasers, or of any other persons claiming any rights of property in said lots, prior to the passage of this act, nor shall it affect in any manner any suit or suits now pending in any of the courts of law or equity in this State.

Made valid.

Not to affect rights of bona fide purchasers.

CHAPTER 170.

AN ACT to compensate James S. Franklin, former State's Attorney for Anne Arundel county, for the trial of the case of the State vs. Thomas R. Tongue.

Passed February 20, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Treasurer be, and he

Treasurer authorised to pay.