

In force.

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

## CHAPTER 296.

Passed March  
10, 1858.

AN ACT for the benefit of Ebenezer Horner, James H. Webb, William Hammond, Ennals Dickerson, Hewett Ross, William Philips, Israel Collins and Stephen Philips, free persons of color, of Caroline county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that Ebenezer Horner, James H. Webb, William Hammond, Ennals Dickerson, Hewett Ross, William Philips, Israel Collins and Stephen Philips, of Caroline county, free persons of color, have by their industry, economy and good conduct, acquired some real estate in Caroline county, which they are desirous of transmitting by their last wills, which under the existing laws of this State they are unable to do; Therefore;

Authorised to  
dispose of pro-  
perty by will.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Ebenezer Horner, James H. Webb, William Hammond, Ennals Dickerson, Hewett Ross, William Philips, Israel Collins and Stephen Philips, be, and they are hereby authorised to devise, bequeath and dispose of their said lands and tenements by their last wills and testaments, and the said devisees are hereby authorised and empowered to have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the said lands and tenements as fully as the lawful descendents of other persons now do, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.