

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said medical society of Baltimore, more be and they are hereby empowered, to make from time to time as they may judge expedient, such by-laws, or other rules for the regulation and government of the members of said corporation, and the same to change, add to, or amend, as may appear necessary or proper, to fix the times and places for their general meetings, the modes and times for electing officers, and for filling up vacancies; *Provided always*, that such by-laws or rules be not contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States or of the state of Maryland.

CHAP. 145.
To make by-laws
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Proviso

CHAP. CXLVI.

An Act for the benefit of Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnston, of Baltimore County. Passed Feb 12 1821

WHEREAS the said Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnston, have by their petition represented to this general assembly, that Robert Bigham now deceased, did in his life-time execute two several mortgages to the petitioners; that the said Robert Bigham is dead without complying with the terms of the conditions of the said mortgages; that an interest in law of the mortgaged property hath descended to the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham, (he having died intestate, leaving no lawful heirs of his body, but a number of collateral ones;) that to get specific foreclosures and performances of the said mortgagers, it is necessary to file bills in some court of equity against the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham; that the said legal representatives reside in various parts of the United States, and some of them in Ireland, but being unknown to the petitioners, and are so numerous and scattered, that they cannot ascertain their names or places of residence, and are without remedy, according to the existing laws of this state; Therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Baltimore county court, as a court of chancery, upon bills being filed by the said Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnston, against the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham, without naming all of them, to obtain foreclosures of the said mortgages, the said court instead of issuing subpoenas for the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham, to make them defendants, shall and they are hereby authorised to cause the object and substance of the said bills to be published once a week for six successive weeks in two newspapers in the city of Baltimore, to warn the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham, without naming all of them, upon a day therein limited, to appear in the said court in person, or by solicitor, to shew cause, if any they have, why decree should not pass as prayed.

Court, on bills being filed, to cause notice to be given, &c

2. *And be it enacted*, That if the legal representatives of the said Robert Bigham, so made defendants, shall not appear to answer the bills of the said Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnston, and those under whom they claim, after being warned as aforesaid, the said Baltimore county court, as a court of chancery, may without the appearance of the absent parties, at discretion, either take the bill of the said Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnston, *pro confesso*, or issue a commission for taking depositions, which commission may be executed *ex parte*, on the non

If representatives do not appear bill to be taken pro confesso and commission issued, &c