

allowed in the county levy of said county, the sum of ten cents; and the Justice of the Peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, stating the number of heads; and the said Justice shall immediately cause the said heads to be burnt. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to receive a certificate as aforesaid, or any allowance for any head or heads, without first making oath, (or affirmation,) that the crow or crows was or were killed in the said county, between the first day of April and first day of July next succeeding, and were not caught or taken alive; and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other Justice of the Peace for the same.

Dec. Ses. 1821.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 164.

An act for the benefit of Ebenezer T. Massy and Emily Ann his wife,

Passed Feb. 15, 1822.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, That Ebenezer T. Massy, of Kent county, married a certain Emily Ann Massy, of Queen Ann's county, who was possessed of certain lands in said county; and as the said lands could, but for the minority of the said Emily, be advantageously exchanged for certain lands in Kent county, where the said Ebenezer and Emily now reside— Therefore.

Preamble.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Ebenezer T. Massy and Emily Ann his wife, within six months after the passage of this act, to execute and acknowledge a deed of bargain and sale conveying to Joshua Massy, his heirs and assigns, any part of the lands in Queen Ann's county now held and owned by the said Ebenezer and Emily Ann, in right of the said Emily Ann; and that the said deed, when executed, acknowledged and recorded in the manner directed by the laws of this state, shall have the same force and effect as if the said Emily Ann Massy had obtained the age of twenty-one years before the execution of the deed; Provided always, That the said deed so to be executed by the said Ebenezer T. Massy and Emily Ann his wife, shall not pass any interest or estate in the lands therein mentioned, until the said Joshua W. Massy shall execute and acknowledge a deed conveying to the said Emily Ann Massy, her heirs and assigns, so much land in Kent county as shall be equal in value to the land to be conveyed as aforesaid by the said Ebenezer T. Massy and Emily Ann his wife.

May execute deed—shall be valid.

Proviso.

2. And to avoid controversy in future whether the lands conveyed by the said Joshua W. Massy be equal in value as aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That James Parker, Samuel G. Osborn and William Moffett, of Kent county, be, and they are hereby authorized to estimate and ascertain the value of the lands to be conveyed to the said Joshua W. Massy. And it is hereby enacted and declared, that the deed to be executed by the said Ebenezer T. Massy and Emily Ann his wife, shall not have any force or effect unless the said James Parker, Samuel G. Osborn and William Moffett, shall, by a certificate under their hands, to be endorsed on the deed to be executed by the said Joshua W. Massy to the said Emily Ann Massy, express their opinion that the lands in the said

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