

the king of Great Britain, he migrated to the United States a few years past, and at November term of Montgomery county court in the year eighteen hundred and eighteen, gave notice of his intention to become a citizen of the United States according to the laws thereof; that in the mean time, without knowing that he could not fully enjoy real estate in this state, he purchased of a certain Benjamin Blowers, a house and lot in the town of Brookville in Montgomery county, and has received a deed for the same—Now therefore,

Dec. Ses. 1821.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said John Hill, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to hold by the aforesaid deed of bargain and sale from the said Benjamin Blowers, a title to the said property as fully and amply as if he were a citizen of the United States: *Provided,* that unless the said John Hill shall proceed according to the laws of the United States in such cases made and provided, to make himself a citizen of the United States, he, and every person claiming under him, shall forfeit all benefit that they might otherwise have derived under the provisions of this act: *Provided always,* that if the said John Hill shall die before he can become a citizen of the United States, nothing in the above proviso contained shall prevent the said John Hill from transmitting, transferring or conveying a good and legal title to the said property by decent or devise, to any person capable in law to hold real property within this state.

May hold title

Proviso.

CHAPTER 234.

*An act for the benefit of the Rector of Saint John's Parish in Harford and Baltimore counties.*

Passed Feb. 23, 1822.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of certain persons belonging to the vestries and congregations of the New Saint John's and the Rock Spring churches, within Saint John's Parish, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Baltimore and Harford counties, praying that a law may pass authorising them to hold a tract or parcel of land for the use and support of their minister, and the prayer appearing reasonable—Therefore,

Preamble.

SEC 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for Edward Day, John B. Bayless, and William Demmett, of the New Saint John's Church congregation, and John Moores, Israel D. Maulsby and George K. Amos, of the Rock Spring Church congregation in the Parish aforesaid in Baltimore and Harford counties, in trust for the use of the officiating rector of the said churches for the time being, and his successors, he and they being of and conforming to the rules and regulations of the Protestant Episcopal church in the state of Maryland, to hold any tract or tracts or part of tracts of land, that they by deed of bargain and sale, deed of gift or by devise may acquire, not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres; solely for the support of the rector of the parish in which the said churches are situate; and the said trustees and their successors shall have an estate in fee simple in all such lands not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres as aforesaid, as they or their successors shall acquire a legal title to as aforesaid.

May hold land.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, shall from time to time, fill up vacancies that may happen in their board by death, resignation or otherwise, so as to keep up the number of six, three

Vacancies.