

minor; that the said heirs agreed with Doct. James Stewart, and Doct. Richard S. Stewart, who own the adjoining lands to appoint John Eager Howard, Josias Green and Thomas Hillen to fix the bounds and locations of their respective lands in order to prevent disputes respecting the same, and the said John Eager Howard, Josias Green and Thomas Hillen, having executed the duties required of them, and having also recommended certain exchanges and releases of lands, as appears by certain proceedings, filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of Baltimore county, between Doct. James Stewart and the aforesaid heirs of Doct. John Trotten, which in their opinion would be of advantage to all parties and render the boundaries of their respective lands, more certain and convenient, copies of which said recommendation have been signed by the said John Eager Howard, Josias Green and Thomas Hillen and delivered to the aforesaid parties but not recorded; *And whereas*, Doctor James Stewart is willing to comply with said recommendation on his part, but the heirs of the said Doctor John Trotten are unable to comply on their part by reason of the minority of the said Mary Trotten, for remedy whereof,

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the heirs of the said Doct. John Trotten, to file a petition in the Baltimore county court on the equity side thereof, against the aforesaid Doct. James Stewart and Doct. Richard S. Stewart setting forth the above recited agreement between them and the above named Doct. James Stewart and Doctor Richard S. Stewart, and the proceedings already had upon the said agreement, which have been recorded and also the recommendation for exchanges and releases of lands between Doct. James Stewart and them the said petitioners praying that the same proceedings may be confirmed and made valid, and the aforesaid recommendation carried into effect and fulfilled according to the intent of the parties; upon which petition it shall be the duty of the said court carefully to inquire into and consider the said agreement and proceedings had in conformity therewith, and also the aforesaid recommendation, bearing date the twenty sixth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty two, and if after having examined carefully the said proceedings, and ascertained that the same were made with the concurrence and consent of all parties, and that the execution thereof and the ratification of the same would be beneficial to the estate of the said Mary Trotten an infant heir of the said Doct. John Trotten, that then it shall and may be lawful for the said court, after the filing of answers by the said Doct. James Stewart and Doct. Richard S. Stewart, to order and direct that the said proceedings, recorded as aforesaid, in the office of the clerk of Baltimore county under the agreement aforesaid be ratified, and also that mutual deeds be executed by the parties thereunto required in pursuance of the recommendation hereinbefore referred to and bearing date as aforesaid, the twenty sixth day of November eighteen hundred and twenty two.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said court to inspect any deeds that may be made in conformity with their order and direction, and upon the same appearing to be according to the true intent and meaning of the parties in the said agreement and in pursuance of the aforesaid recommendation, the said court shall ratify and confirm the same.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said deeds so ratified and confirmed shall be good and available in law to every intent and purpose, and

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Petition and proceedings.

Court shall ratify.

Confirmed.