

*vided nevertheless*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorise a disposition of said slaves except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for bona fide debts or consequent upon intestacy in less than three years after the passage of this act: *and provided moreover*, that the said John C. Wedderstrandt shall cause the said negroes to be registered in the Records of Baltimore county court within sixty days after they shall have been brought into this state.

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CHAPTER 34.

An act for the benefit of the children of Thomas Robinson, of Talbot County.

Passed Jan 2, 1824. Preamble

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the General Assembly of Maryland, by the petition of Thomas Robinson, of Talbot county, that several years past he intermarried with a certain Mary Catrup, of said county, who was seized in fee simple of a parcel of land lying and being in said county, and that the petitioner and the said Mary lived together for several years as husband and wife, and that he had several children by the said Mary, five of whom are now living, and are all infants under age; and that the said Mary has not long since departed this life, and that the said petitioner is now tenant by the curtesy of the said land; and the petitioner further represents that a great proportion of the said land is wood land, and that the wood and timber would be rather benefitted than injured by a sale occasionally of such as might be in a state of decay; and the petitioner further represents that without the aid of the proceeds of the sale of such decayed or decaying wood or timber, he is not able in a proper manner to educate the said children;—Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Orphans' Court of Talbot county be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to enquire into the premises, and to authorise the said Thomas Robinson, in their discretion to cut and sell such quantity of said decayed and decaying wood and timber, belonging to the said land as they may deem necessary, and that the proceeds of the sale of such wood or timber, be applied to the support and education of the children of the said Thomas Robinson.

Authority granted.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Thomas Robinson shall account to the said orphans' court, in such manner and at such times as the said court shall direct, for the proceeds of sale of such wood or timber as may be made under the authority of this act.

Account.

CHAPTER 35.

An act for the benefit of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county.

Passed Jan 2, 1824. Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly by the petition of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county, that he became the purchaser of three fourths of a House and Lot, No. 33, lying and being in Snow-Hill, in said county, and of a tract of land called "Lindsey's Disappointment," also lying and being in said county, sold by order of the court of said county, and that in pursuance of said order Thomas N. Williams, George Hayward, Littleton Quinton, Robert J. H. Handy, and Mitchell Gray, Esqrs. were appointed commissioners to sell and convey the same, and that since that time Robert J. H. Handy and Mitchell Gray, have died, and that Littleton Quinton has removed to some one of the Western States, and is supposed to be alive, in consequence of which, doubts have arisen as to the validity of a deed from the surviving commissioners residing in this state;—Therefore,