

Dec.Ses.1824 at liberty to imprison the said King, and keep him in confinement as long as the commissioners shall have his case under consideration, *And provided also*, that if their report be favorable, he shall be forthwith discharged from imprisonment.

Passed Jan.  
19, 1825.  
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## CHAPTER 56.

An act for the relief of John W. Steinmetz, of Washington county.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the deed from Martin Myers, of Washington county, to John W. Steinmetz, of said county, bearing date the eleventh day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for a lot of ground in the town of Clear Spring, in the county aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby declared to have all the force and effect to transfer the right and title of the said Martin Myers, of, in, and to the property mentioned in said deed, to the said John W. Steinmetz, as if the said John W. Steinmetz had been naturalised before the execution of the said deed, agreeably to the laws of the United States, regulating the naturalization of foreigners; *Provided always*, That nothing contained in this act, shall be taken or construed in any manner to affect any right, title, or claim to the said property, or any part thereof, which may have been acquired by any other person or persons before the passage of this act.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That the said John W. Steinmetz, be, and he is hereby empowered and declared capable to purchase, have, hold, possess and enjoy real estate in this state, and the same to convey, transfer, or transmit by deed, devise or descent, in the same manner and subject to the same rules, as if he were at the time regularly naturalized, agreeably to the laws of the United States regulating the naturalization of foreigners; *Provided also*, that the said John W. Steinmetz shall within twelve months after the passage of this act, naturalize himself agreeably to the laws of the United States; but if the said John W. Steinmetz should die before he becomes naturalized, nothing in this proviso shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise, to any person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of the United States, and residing therein, capable in law to hold the same.

## CHAPTER 57.

Passed Jan. An act to repeal an act passed at December Session, eighteen hundred and twenty three, chapter fifteen, relating to the protection of slave holders in Dorchester County.

Repeal.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That an act, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty three, chapter fifteen, entitled, "An act to repeal an act relating to the protection of slave holders in Dorchester county, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

## CHAPTER 58.

Passed Jan. An act to reduce the number of the Board of Trustees of Washington Academy, in Somerset county.

19, 1825.  
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SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any vacancy in the board of trustees of Washington Academy in Somerset county, now existing, or which may hereafter be occa-

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