

the benefit of the several acts of assembly for the relief of insolvent debtors to the same extent that he would have been entitled thereto, if he had been a citizen of this state for two years; *Provided*, that the commissioners of insolvent debtors shall be satisfied that there is no other legal objection than a want of residence to the said Edward Ellsworth's discharge under the insolvent laws of this state, *and provided also*, that the commissioners shall be further satisfied that the said Edward Ellsworth did not come to this state with the intention of taking the benefit of the several acts of assembly, passed for the relief of insolvent debtors.

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Provisoes.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby authorised and required, to receive and entertain the application of Edward Ellsworth for the benefit of the insolvent laws of Maryland, without requiring from the said Edward Ellsworth, the usual security for his appearance; *provided always*, that the said Edward Ellsworth shall not be discharged from the custody of the sheriff of Baltimore county, until the commissioners aforesaid, and the county court of Baltimore county shall have finally heard and decided upon the merits of his case, and upon any allegations which may be filed against him.

Security not required.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 98.

An act to enable William H. Wilson of Baltimore county, to purchase and hold real property in this state.

Passed Feb 11, 1825. Preamble.

*Whereas*, William H. Wilson, of Baltimore county emigrated to and settled in this state, and since his emigration and settlement as aforesaid, has become the purchaser at a trustees' sale in the city of Baltimore of real property in Baltimore county, and his title to said property from his not having been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question to his detriment and injury; Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William H. Wilson, a native of Ireland, shall be, and is hereby enabled to have, hold, take and occupy all such real property within this state, as the said William H. Wilson may purchase and contract for, and may sell and dispose of the same, in like manner as a natural born citizen of the United States may, and in case of the death of the said William H. Wilson, without any disposition of his said real estate by deed or will, the same shall descend to, and be vested in his lawful issue or their legal representatives, according to the due and ordinary course of descents; *provided*, that nothing herein contained, shall in any manner defeat or effect any right, title or claim to the said property, or any part thereof acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act, *and provided also*, that the said William H. Wilson shall, within twelve months after his being capable of becoming a citizen, naturalize himself agreeably to the laws of the United States, but in case of his death before the expiration of the said twelve months, any property he may have purchased or acquired, shall descend or pass to his legal representatives in the same manner as if he had been naturalized.

Authorised to hold property.

Proviso's.