

tions in and about Frederick-town or Frederick city, in such manner as they may think proper; but if possible so as not to encourage idleness or vice; *and whereas*, the executors named in said will, have prayed for the passage of a law to enable them to fulfil the charitable intentions of said testator; Therefore,

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SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the bequest mentioned in the preamble to this act, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Bequest confirmed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor of the city of Frederick, shall give a receipt to the executors of the said William M. Beall, for and on behalf of the corporation of Frederick for the amount which may be paid to him by the said executors on account of the bequest before mentioned. And it shall be the duty of the register of wills for Frederick county to record such receipt on the request of the said executors or any one of them.

Receipt—recorded.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Corporation may appoint an agent or agents, to distribute the amount bequeathed as aforesaid, according to the intentions of the testator; and it shall be the duty of such agent or agents, to keep a list of the names of those to whom any part of said bequest shall be distributed, and make return thereof every six months to the Mayor of Frederick; and such agent or agents may be removed at the pleasure of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of Frederick.

Agent—account.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the agent or agents, who may be appointed under this act, for the purposes foresaid, shall give such security for the proper and faithful application of the monies which may be placed in their hands, as the Mayor of Frederick shall approve.

Security required.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the whole amount of the aforesaid bequest shall be distributed according to the intentions of the testator within five years from the passage of this act.

Time limited

CHAPTER 103:

An act to divorce Ann Williams and her husband, James Williams, of the city of Baltimore.

Passed Feb. 14, 1825.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That James Williams shall, from the passage of this act be, and he is hereby altogether deprived of all and every interest, authority, power and control, in, over and to the person of Ann Williams, his wife, as fully as if she had never been married.

James Williams' authority annulled.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Ann Williams, shall be, and she is hereby declared to be vested with the title to all and every kind of property, real, personal and mixed, now in her possession, in as full and ample a manner as if she were and always had been a feme sole, and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, property of any kind whatever, real, personal or mixed, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a feme sole, and to use and enjoy, or dispose of the same at her will and pleasure, and may in her own name sue and be sued, as if she were a feme sole.

Rights vested in Ann.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said James Williams shall not be liable for any debts to be hereafter contracted by the said Ann Williams.

Not liable for debts, &c.