

otherwise any real property which she may thereafter acquire by purchase, in the same manner as she might, or could have done if she had been a natural born citizen of this state; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said Elizabeth Reid shall become a naturalized citizen of the United States so soon as the same can be effected according to the laws thereof.

DEC. SESS.
1814.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 43.

An act relative to the unfinished records of Frederick county.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Frederick county, shall be and they are hereby authorised and directed to contract with some suitable person, to make, enter and complete the records in the office of the clerk of Frederick county, remaining unfinished at the time of the death of the late clerk, William Ritchie, deceased, so that the annual expence thereof, shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars to be levied annually, for a term not exceeding three years, with other county assessments, and the records so made, shall be as valid and effectual, as if the same had been completed in the life time of the said William Ritchie, whose heirs, representatives and securities are hereby released from their liability on his office bond, so far as the condition thereof relates to the making, entering and completing the records aforesaid.

Passed Jan. 16
1815.

Records to be completed—
sum to be levied—
securities on office bond released.

CHAPTER 44.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of George N. Ford, late of Charles county, deceased.

WHEREAS Mary Ford of Charles county, widow and administratrix of George N. Ford, late of said county, deceased, by her petition to this general assembly, hath set forth that the said George N. Ford, departed this life some time in the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, intestate, leaving a small real estate entirely unproductive, which he had some short time before purchased, but had not paid for the same, lying in Anne Arundel county and which since his death, hath descended to his children, Martha Young Ford, Mary Hepsaba Ford and Josias B. Ford, who are minors, under the age of twenty one years; that the money due for the said land independent of his other debts, exceeds the amount of the personal property left by the said deceased; that the said land is entirely destitute of buildings or improvements of any kind and yields no annual income whatever, but is subject to expence to its owners, on account of public taxes and county assessment; that it will be more beneficial to the heirs of the said deceased to preserve so much of the personal estate as can be saved from the payment of the

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Preamble.