

CHAPTER 175.

An act for the relief of Elizabeth Sterrett of Washington County.

Dec. Ses 1817
Passed Feb 13

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Elizabeth Sterrett be and she is hereby divorced from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation, with her said husband James Sterrett.*

Divorce grant-
ed.

2. *And be it enacted, That all the right and title which the said James, by virtue of his marriage with the said Elizabeth, had acquired to any property which she is or may become entitled to in any way or manner whatsoever, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and that the said Elizabeth be, and she is hereby declared to be, capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, all such property, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a feme sole, and had never been married, and to hold, use and enjoy the same, for her own use and benefit, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the molestation, interference, hindrance or consent, of her said husband, in the same manner as she could or might have done were she a feme sole.*

J. Sterrett's
right to pro-
perty annulled

CHAPTER 176.

An act to improve and keep in order the Streets in, and Roads near, the Town of St. Michaels, in Talbot County.

Passed Feb 13

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the commissioners of the town of St. Michael's, in Talbot county, and the inhabitants of said town, that the streets thereof are in bad order, and that the said commissioners have no power by law to compel the inhabitants to work on and repair them; nor does it appear that the said streets are considered as part of the public roads, so far as to bring them under the provisions of the road law or laws for Talbot county; to remove that inconvenience, Therefore,

Preamble

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town of St. Michael's, shall be considered as public highways, and that the said streets, lanes and alleys, together with one mile of the post road, measured each way from the gate of St. Michael's church yard, shall compose one division or district, which said district shall be repaired and kept in good order in the manner prescribed by the road law or laws for Talbot county, by and under the direction of the commissioners of the town of St. Michael's, who are hereby authorised to call out and compel all the male inhabitants of said town, over eighteen years of age, to work on said streets, lanes and alleys, as often as may be necessary for the purpose of keeping them in repair, as also to call out all the male inhabitants, over eighteen years of age, on the farms now occupied by Samuel Harrison, Mark Sewell, Nathan Harrington, and Joseph Harrison, of Joseph, in addition to the inhabitants of St. Michael's, to work on the post road included in said district only, but not on the streets of the said town, subject to the same penalties in case of refusal, delay or neglect, by either commissioners or labourers, as are pointed out in the act relating to public roads in Talbot county.*

Streets, &c. to
be considered
as highways.