

shall give four days notice, by advertisements set up in four of the most public places in the said town, describing the geese or swine so taken up, and that the same will be sold at public sale at the most public square in the said town, to the highest bidder, for cash, one half of the purchase money to go to the person so taking up the said geese or swine, and the other half to the owner or owners; and if no owner or owners shall claim the said half on the day of sale, the said half to be paid over to the collector of the taxes, and if not demanded within twelve months, it shall then be for the use of the county; *Provided always*, That if the owner or owners of the said geese or swine, not residing in the said town, can prove to the satisfaction of any one of the justices of the peace residing in said town, that the said geese or swine did not go at large from negligence or want of care on the part of the said owner or owners, and that due diligence was used to prevent it, then and in that case the owner or owners shall have return of the said property, on paying all expenses of keeping and proving the same.

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Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled, An act to prevent geese and swine from going at large in the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county, passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirteen, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Act repealed.

CHAPTER 80.

An act for the benefit of John K. Rowe, and Richard Bevan, of Baltimore County.

Passed Jan 31

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the deed of conveyance from James Kelly to Thomas Evans bearing date the sixteenth of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twelve, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore county court, in liber W. G. No. one hundred and twenty-two, folio fifty-three, &c. the deed of conveyance from Thomas Evans to James Stafford, dated the twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, and recorded among the land records aforesaid in liber W. G. No. one hundred and thirty-three, folio five hundred and sixty-seven, &c. and the deeds of conveyance from James Kelly and James Stafford to John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventeen, and recorded among the land records aforesaid in liber W. G. No. one hundred and forty-one, folio sixty-eight and seventy, &c. which deeds are duly executed, acknowledged and recorded, shall have the same force and effect to vest in the said John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan respectively, their heirs and assigns, as good and sufficient a title to the property conveyed by the said deeds from James Kelly and James Stafford to the said John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan respectively, as if the said Thomas Evans had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States at the times of the execution of the said several deeds; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the right of any other person or persons to said property which may have been acquired before the passage of this act.

Deeds declared effective.

Proviso.