

CHAP. 38. upon the petition of Anna Boyd, wife of James P. Boyd, of the city of Baltimore, or upon the petition of some near relation or connexion of the said James P. Boyd, setting forth that the said James P. Boyd is of unsound mind, and praying that a commission *de lunatico inquirendo* may issue, to issue such commission, directed to three or more commissioners to be by the said court named.

Commissioners before they act, to take an oath.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, before they proceed to act, shall take an oath well and truly to inquire if the said James P. Boyd is of unsound mind, and if they shall find and return an inquisition that the said James P. Boyd is of unsound mind, and not capable of governing himself, then and in that case it shall and may be lawful for the said judges to make such order and decree, in and relating to the person and estate of the said James P. Boyd, as the chancellor now can in and relating to the persons and estates of idiots, lunatics, and persons *non compos mentis*.

Should they make return that J. P. Boyd is of unsound mind, &c. court may direct sale of his real estate, &c.

3. *And be it enacted*, That if the said commissioners shall make the return as aforesaid, then the said county court are hereby invested, with full power and authority, to order and direct the sale and conveyance of such parts of the real or personal estate of the said James P. Boyd, as they may deem most beneficial for the family of the said James P. Boyd, and upon such terms as the said court shall deem proper, for the support of the said James P. Boyd, and his family, and for the payment of the debts now due and owing from him; and if it shall appear to the said court that it would promote the interest of children of the said James P. Boyd to sell and dispose of any part of his real estate, then the same may be ordered to be sold, upon such terms as the said county court shall direct, and the money arising therefrom shall be invested in such stock or funds as the said county court shall deem most secure and useful to said Boyd and his family, during his life, and after his decease, to and for the use and benefit of his wife and children, in such rights and interests as they would have held said estate if the same had not been sold, and subject to the like operations of law, in case of the death of his said wife and children, or either of them, as if no such sale had been made.

CHAPTER 39.

Passed Jan 12 1819. An act for the relief of Robert Dods, of Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Robert Dods, of Frederick county, that he emigrated from Scotland to the United States, and hath settled in the state of Maryland, and become a citizen of the United States according to the laws thereof; but between the declaration of his intention to become a citizen, and his admission to citizenship, he purchased real property in Frederick county, and obtained deeds of conveyance for the same, but that the title to the said property may be brought in question to his injury, therefore,

Title to real property vested in him.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all the real estate of the said Robert Dods, lying and being in Frederick county aforesaid, fully and fairly acquired by purchase and conveyance from any person or persons whatsoever, be and the same is hereby as fully and amply vested in the said Robert Dods, and his heirs, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said Robert Dods had been a naturalized citizen of the United States at the

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