

## CHAP. 114.

May without appearance of absent parties take his bill pro confesso, &c.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if the legal representatives of the said Elizabeth Hall, John Hall, Thomas Watkins and Thomas Henry Hall, so made defendants, shall not appear to answer the bill of the aforesaid William Morsell, and those under whom he claims, after being warned as aforesaid, the county court aforesaid, as a court of chancery, may without the appearance of the absent parties, at discretion, either take the bill of the said William Morsell, junior, and those under whom he claims, *pro confesso*, or issue a commission for taking depositions, which commission may be executed *ex parte* on the non-appearance of the legal representatives aforesaid, in person, or by solicitor or agent, and on the taking *pro confesso*, or return of the commission, the county court aforesaid, as a court of chancery, may proceed to such decree as the justice, law and equity, of the case may require, and every such decree shall have the same operation, effect and consequences, as if the legal representatives of the said Elizabeth Hall, John Hall, Thomas Watkins, and Thomas Henry Hall, had regularly appeared to the bill of the said William Morsell, junior, and those under whom he claims, and the decree had passed; *Provided always*, that if all or any decree shall be made as aforesaid by virtue of this act, his or their heirs, devisees or representatives, or any person claiming by, from, or under them, shall appear in the said county court, as a court of chancery, at any time not exceeding eighteen calendar months from the time of making such decree, and request a review of the same, the said county court, as a court of chancery, upon a bill being filed by any person or persons as aforesaid entitled to file the same, shall proceed to an examination of the matters in dispute, and to a final decree according to the equity of the case, in the same manner as if the said legal representatives of Elizabeth Hall, John Hall, Thomas Watkins, Thomas Henry Hall, or other person or persons as aforesaid, had originally appeared in the said county court as aforesaid; *And provided also*, that such legal representatives of the said Elizabeth Hall, John Hall, Thomas Watkins, Thomas Henry Hall, or other persons as aforesaid, may at any time before a decree shall have passed, appear in the said court, and be admitted to defend the cause, on filing a good and sufficient answer, plea or demurrer to the bill.

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## CHAP. CXV.

An Act for the relief of Henry Witmer, of Washington County.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of Washington county court be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to extend to Henry Witmer, of Washington county, the benefit and relief of the act of assembly, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the supplementary acts thereto, without compelling the said Henry Witmer, to produce in writing the assent of two-thirds of his creditors in amount, as is required by said act; *Provided*, that the said Henry Witmer, shall comply with all the other necessary requisites of said acts; *And provided*, that the said Henry Witmer shall be entitled to no benefit from this law, in case any creditor or creditors shall file allegations against him before the eighth day of the next county court for Washington county, and the said Henry Witmer be found guilty on

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