

same, likewise one attorney or more, with the like or limited power under him, to make and substitute for the purpose aforesaid; that the said Henry Thompson, in virtue of the said power and authority, did afterwards, on or about the ninth day of June, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-three, contract with the said Thomas Cockey Deye for the sale of the said tract of land called Lancaster, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-six pounds sterling, which sum was paid by the said Thomas Cockey Deye to the said Henry Thompson, as the consideration or purchase money for the said land, and that the said Henry Thompson did thereupon pass his bond or obligation to the said Thomas Cockey Deye, in the penal sum of five hundred and seventy-two pounds sterling money, conditioned for the conveying and assuring the said tract of land to the said Thomas Cockey Deye in fee, with a clause or covenant of general warranty, but that, before any conveyance for the same was executed, the said Henry Thompson left this state in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-four, having, before his departure, appointed Samuel Owings his attorney to transact and manage all matters, business, affairs and things, in his behalf; and further setting forth, that the said Samuel Owings, being well satisfied that the purchase money for the said tract of land called Lancaster was duly paid, and that the said Thomas Cockey Deye was in justice and equity entitled to a conveyance for the same, did, on or about the twenty-eighth of August, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three, convey to the said Thomas Cockey Deye the said tract of land in fee, in virtue of the power and authority vested in him by the said Henry Thompson; and the said Thomas Cockey Deye having represented to this general assembly, that the legal estate in the said land remaining in the said Allan Pearson, (who was and now is a subject of Great-Britain,) until the confiscation law passed, it is apprehended that the conveyance of the said Samuel Owings did not transfer the legal estate in the said tract of land called Lancaster to the said Thomas Cockey Deye, and therefore praying that an act might pass for vesting in him and his heirs all the right and interest of the state of Maryland in the said tract of land called Lancaster; all which matters and things set forth in the petition of the said Thomas Cockey Deye, appearing to be true, therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the right, interest and estate, of the state of Maryland, acquired by virtue of an act, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty, entitled, An act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, of, in and to, the said tract of land called Lancaster, and every part thereof, be, and is hereby declared to be, vested in the said Thomas Cockey Deye, and his heirs, free from all claims and demands of the said state whatever.

Right vested
in Thomas C.
Deye.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT for the relief of William Benson, and for other purposes.

Passed De-
cember 28.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of William Benson, of Caroline county, that on the twenty-seventh day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, he entered into a contract with the commissioners appointed in and by virtue of an act passed at November session, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melville's warehouse to Pig-Point, in Caroline county, to build at Denton, in the said county, a court-house of certain and particular dimensions, for the sum of thirteen hundred pounds; that from his inexperience in calculating all the expences of such a building, he was mistaken in his estimate thereof, and undertook the same at considerably too small a price; and that the enforcing a rigid compliance with the said contract will involve him in ruin: And whereas it seems just and right to grant the said petitioner reasonable relief in the premises; therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make the said William Benson such further allowance for the said buildings, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds current money, as they in their discretion shall think just and reasonable.

A further al-
lowance to be
made, &c.

III. And