

C H A P. III. may compose, the militia of said county, to meet and exercise (at such place or places in said county as the field officers of said county may deem convenient,) in battalion or companies, as may be most expedient, instead of the meeting in regiment as directed by the fourteenth section of the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

Persons liable to fines, &c. III. **And be it enacted,** That the persons composing, or who may compose, the militia of said county, shall be liable to the same fines and forfeitures for not attending at such meeting or meetings appointed by virtue of this act, as they would heretofore have been liable to in not attending the meetings in regiment or battalions as established by law.

One meeting in battalion. IV. **And be it enacted,** That the field officers of said county shall not direct more than one meeting of each battalion in said county in any one year.

Duration. V. This act to continue and be in force during the continuance and force of the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

## C H A P. IV.

Passed January 20. **An ACT for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley.**

Preamble. **W**HEREAS Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, of Baltimore city, have by their humble petition set forth, that James Hickley, the husband of the said Sarah Hickley, and father of the said Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, being a British subject, removed with his family to the state of Pennsylvania about the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, where he resided, and about the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six removed with his family to Baltimore-town in this state, where he resided until his death, which happened in the month of February last, and during his residence in Baltimore aforesaid he purchased, in fee-simple, part of a lot of ground then in the said town, but now in the city of Baltimore aforesaid, known and distinguished by the number six hundred and twenty-two, and also purchased two lots or parcels of ground in the said town which were held under leases for ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, at yearly rents, but all the purchase money not being paid thereof, the said lots were not legally conveyed to the said James Hickley in his life-time; that the said James Hickley died intestate, leaving the petitioner, Sarah Hickley, his widow, and the petitioners, Mary Anne Hickley and Robert Hickley, born in England, and Thomas Hickley, and Samuel Hickley, an infant child by the said Sarah Hickley, born in this state, and letters of administration of the personal estate of the said James Hickley were granted to his said widow, and that it did not certainly appear that the said James Hickley had been naturalized, and that Doctor Edward Johnson had escheated the said real estate for the benefit of the petitioners; that the said real and personal estate, so left by the said James Hickley, was the whole support of the petitioners, and praying, that under the circumstances of their case, the general assembly would pass a law in favour of the said petitioners, vesting in them the said real and personal property of which the said James Hickley died seized and possessed, in as full and ample manner as by the acts of assembly of this state have been directed as to the citizens thereof dying intestate, and their widows and children born therein: And whereas this general assembly have thought proper to grant the said petition,

S. Hickley &c. to hold property, &c. II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, shall have, hold, possess and enjoy, whatever real and personal property the said James Hickley died seized or possessed of, or entitled to in law or equity, at the time of his death, in this state aforesaid, in as full and ample manner as if the said James Hickley, and the said Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, had, at the time of the death of the