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before-mentioned Sarah Buchanan, who hath since intermarried with a certain Robert Turnbull, of the commonwealth of Virginia: And whereas by a supplement to the said act, the aforesaid Thomas Sim Lee was authorized to execute and acknowledge to the purchaser or purchasers of the said lands, on the purchase money for the said property so sold being paid, a deed or deeds, conveying the said property to the said purchaser or purchasers in fee: And whereas the said Thomas Sim Lee hath declined to execute a deed to one of the purchasers of the said lands, who had paid the whole of the purchase money for the lands by him purchased, and it being requisite that when the purchase money is paid, some person should be authorized and empowered to execute deeds for the said lands,

Chancellor to
execute a
deed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the chancellor of the state for the time being be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, on the purchase money for the said property so sold being paid, to execute and acknowledge to the purchaser or purchasers of the same a deed or deeds, conveying the said property to the said purchaser or purchasers in fee, which deed or deeds, so executed and acknowledged, shall be as good and effectual in law as if the said deed or deeds had been executed by any three or more of the trustees in the act aforesaid mentioned, any thing in the law to which this is a further supplement, and the supplement thereto, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed Janua-
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An ACT for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the integrity, experience and intelligence of jurors, is indispensably necessary for the due administration of justice: And whereas the sheriffs frequently return jurors very inadequate to the discharge of the important duties assigned to them;

Sheriffs, &c.
to take an
oath, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all sheriffs and coroners within this state already commissioned, shall, on or before the first Monday in March next, take the following oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which they may have been respectively commissioned, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that in summoning jurors to be returned to any of the courts of this state, and that in executing every writ or precept which shall come to my hands for the return of jurors, I will use my utmost diligence to summon and return, as jurors, sober and judicious persons, of good reputation, and qualified by the laws of this state to serve as jurors, and to prevent any man being summoned or returned by me, or by any officer under me, who in my judgment will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror by hatred, malice or ill will, fear, favour or affection, or by any partiality whatever; and that I will not summon or return as a juror any person, who, in my opinion or to my knowledge, may be solicitous to be returned upon the pannel of jurors;" and that they respectively return a certificate of such oath, or affirmation, to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person is commissioned as sheriff, or coroner, within twenty days thereafter, there to be recorded by said clerk, whose duty it is hereby declared to be to record the same amongst the proceedings of the preceding county court; and that in case any sheriff or coroner shall neglect to take such oath, or affirmation, or return a certificate thereof as aforesaid, the person so neglecting shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment before the district court of the county for which such person is commissioned, and applied to the use of said county.

No person to
be summon-
ed, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall be summoned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this state to two general or county courts successively.

Oaths to be
taken, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That every sheriff and coroner hereafter commissioned within this state shall, before he be allowed to proceed on the execution of his office,