

3. Where deeds are not executed by the proprietors or possessors of land within the limits of the city of Washington, or within the limits of Carrollsburgh or Hamburgh, within 3 months after the passage of this act, the commissioners may issue process to the sheriff of Prince George's county, to summon 5 freeholders, who shall value the said lands; and such valuation, under their hands and seals, and under the hand and seal of the said sheriff, shall be annexed to the said process, and returned by the sheriff to the clerk appointed by virtue of this act, who shall make record of the same, and the said lands shall, on the payment of such valuation, be vested in the commissioners in trust, to be disposed of by them, or otherwise employed to the use of the said city of Washington; and in all cases where the proprietor or possessor is tenant in right of dower, or by the curtesy, the freeholders shall ascertain the annual value of the lands, and the gross value of such estate therein, and upon paying such gross value, or securing to the possessor the payment of the annual valuation, at the option of the proprietor or possessor, the commissioners shall be vested with the whole estate of such tenant, in manner, and for the uses and purposes aforesaid.—*ibid.* § 4.

4. All squares, lots, peices, and parcels of land, within the said city, which have been or shall be appropriated for the use of the United States, and also the streets, shall remain and be for the use of the United States; and all the lots and parcels, which have been or shall be sold to raise money as a donation as aforesaid, shall remain and be to the purchasers, according to the terms and conditions of their respective purchase; and purchases, and leases from private persons claiming to be proprietors, and having, or those under whom they claim having been in possession of the lands purchased or leased, in their own right, 5 whole years next before the passing of this act, shall be good and effectual for the estate, and on the terms and conditions of such purchases and leases respectively, without impeachment, and against any contrary title now existing; but if any person hath, or shall make a conveyance or lease of any lands within the limits of the said city, not having right and title to do so, the person who might be entitled to recover the land under a contrary title now existing, may, either by way of ejectment against the tenant, or in an action for money had and received for his use against the bargainor or lessor, his heirs, executors, administrators or devisees as the case may require, recover all money received by him for the squares, &c. appropriated for the use of the United States, as well as for lots or parcels sold, and rents received, by the person not having title as aforesaid, with interest from the time of the receipt; and, on such recovery in ejectment, where the land is in lease, the tenant shall thereafter hold under, and pay the rent reserved to, the person making title to and recovering the land; but the possession, *bona fide* acquired, in none of the said cases shall be changed.—*ibid.* § 5.

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