

XV. And be it enacted, That the County Court of *Harford County* shall begin, and be held yearly, on the Fourth Tuesdays of those Months in which other County Courts are held, and shall have equal Power and Jurisdiction with any County Court in this Province.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the Amendment of the Law.

BE it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after this Session of Assembly, Persons under the Age of One and Twenty Years, and Persons being idiot, lunatic, or non compos Mentis, seized or possessed of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Trust, or by Way of Mortgage, or seized or possessed thereof, charged or chargeable with the Payment of Money or Tobacco, and therefore subject liable to a Decree for Sale, or bound, by an Agreement, to convey, made by some Person or Persons having Right or Title to make such Agreement, and therefore subject or liable to a Decree for Conveyance, on a Suit for a specific Performance or Execution of such Agreements, shall, by the Direction of the Court of Chancery, signified by an Order made upon the hearing of all Persons concerned, on the Petition of the Person or Persons for whom such Infant or Infants, or Persons being idiot, lunatic, or non compos Mentis, or his, her, or their Committee or Committees, in his, her, or their Name or Names, shall be seized or possessed in Trust, or of the Mortgagor or Mortgagors, or other Person or Persons entitled to Redemption, or Person or Persons entitled to Money or Tobacco, secured by or upon the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of the Person or Persons entitled to any Money or Tobacco, with the Payment whereof the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, are or shall be charged or chargeable, or of the Person or Persons entitled to a specific Performance or Execution of such Agreement, as aforesaid, convey and assure any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in such Manner as the Court of Chancery shall, by such Order so to be obtained, direct to any other Person or Persons; and such Conveyance or Assurance, so to be had and made as aforesaid, shall be as good and effectual in Law, as if such Infant or Infants were, at the Time of making such Conveyance or Assurance, of the full Age of Twenty-one Years; and the Conveyance or Assurance, so to be had and made as aforesaid, in the Case of Persons being idiot, lunatic, or non compos Mentis, shall, in like Manner, be as good and effectual, as if the said Person or Persons was or were, at the Time of making such Conveyance or Assurance, of sound Mind, Memory and Understanding, and had by him, her, or themselves, executed the same; and all and every such Infant or Infants, or Persons being idiot, lunatic, or non compos Mentis, being Trustee or Trustees, Mortgagee or Mortgagees, or being seized or possessed of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, liable or subject in any Manner aforesaid, or the Committee or Committees of all and every such Persons, being idiot, lunatic, or non compos Mentis, shall and may be compelled, by such Order as aforesaid, to make such Conveyance or Conveyances, Assurance or Assurances, in like Manner as Persons of full Age and of sane Memory are compellable to make.

Persons under Age, &c. possessed of Lands in Trust, and liable to a Decree for Sale or Conveyance, &c. shall, on Petition of the Persons for whom they shall be possessed in Trust, &c. convey such Lands as the Court of Chancery shall direct &c.

II. Provided always, That no Order or Direction, as aforesaid, shall be made or given in virtue of this Act, in the Case of any Infant or Infants seized or possessed of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, charged