

Hager, for the division or partition of the land aforesaid, be and is hereby declared to be confirmed and made valid, to all intents and purposes, in the same expressed or contained.

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V. **Provided** always, That if the said Jonathan Hager shall at any time hereafter return into this state, and shall, within six months thereafter, institute his suit in chancery against the said Daniel Heester and Rosannah his wife, or her heirs, or her or their assigns, and shall make it appear to the chancellor, that he did not, voluntarily, freely, and fairly, make and execute the said deed of conveyance, or that, at the time of making and executing thereof, he had not attained the age of twenty-one years, that then this act shall cease to have any operation or effect. Proviso.

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An ACT to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

FOR raising the necessary supplies for the ensuing year, **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the rate or assessment of forty-five shillings current money shall be, and is hereby laid and imposed for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and in the same proportion for every greater or less sum; and the said rate or assessment shall be divided into two parts, and shall be paid, collected, and levied, in the manner herein after directed. Forty-five shillings to be assessed for every £. 100 of property, &c.

II. **Provided,** That all property belonging to this state, or the United States, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, all provisions (except live stock) necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong and his family for the year, plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations, ready money, wearing apparel, and also the personal property of any person who hath been or shall be drove from his habitation in either of the southern states by the enemy, if such person shall have taken the oath of allegiance to the state to which he did belong, and shall settle in this state with the approbation of the governor and council, shall be and are hereby excepted from any rate or assessment. Proviso.

III. **And provided also,** That if any person (who hath taken the oath of fidelity and support to this state, and hath accordingly exerted himself in favour of the freedom and independence thereof) shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, or hath by means of the enemy, lost his negroes, had his houses burned, or otherwise greatly suffered, the commissioners of the tax may, in their discretion, direct the collector to suspend the collection of the assessment, on the gross valuation by the assessor of the property taken away or destroyed by the enemy, until the general assembly shall take order therein; and the commissioners are required to return to the general assembly a list of such suspensions, and the causes and proofs for which the same were made. Proviso.