

An A C T to make valid a deed of bargain and sale executed by Basil Burgefs, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to Daniel Bowley, of Baltimore county.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S Daniel Bowley, by his humble petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that a certain Basil Burgefs, of Anne-Arundel county, on or about the thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, did bargain and sell to the said Daniel Bowley, all that tract or parcel of land called Addition to Indian Glade, lying in Anne-Arundel county, and containing two hundred and fifty-two acres, in consideration of the sum of three thousand and fifty-five pounds ten shillings current money; that the said Basil Burgefs, having been paid the full consideration for the said land, on the day and year aforesaid, made, executed; and duly acknowledged, a deed of bargain and sale for the said land, and put the said Daniel Bowley in the possession thereof; that the said Basil Burgefs, shortly after the execution of the said deed, departed from this state, with intention to settle on the Ohio river, with his family, but was taken sick on his journey and died, and his family hath not since returned; that the said deed being mislaid was not recorded within the time limited by law, and hath prayed an act may pass to make the said deed valid in law: And it appearing to this general assembly, that the several allegations contained in the said petition are strictly true: Therefore,

Deed to be recorded, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said Daniel Bowley to have the said deed recorded among the land records of Anne-Arundel county, at any time within six months from the passing this act, and that the same deed, when so recorded, shall be as valid, good and effectual, to every intent and purpose intended thereby, as if it had been enrolled within the time limited by law.

An A C T to ascertain the property of the citizens of this state carried off or destroyed by the enemy during the present war.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S congress have requested, that each state should obtain authentic returns of the slaves and other property which has been carried off or destroyed in the course of the war by the enemy:

Commissioners to appoint persons to enquire into property carried off, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of the tax for the several counties of this state be authorized and required to appoint one active and discreet person, to make diligent enquiry into all damages done by the enemy to the property of the citizens of this state, within their several and respective counties, either by carrying away slaves, horses, cattle, or other property, or by burning or destroying houses or any other property; and such enquiry shall be made by the oath of the party injured, or of one or more in-

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