

different witnesses; and the person appointed by the said commissioners shall give notice, by advertisement set up at the door of the court house, or other place where the court for the county is held, and at other public places, of the powers intrusted to him by this act, and require all persons who have had their property carried away or destroyed by the enemy, to give information thereof, and to make an account or list thereof, containing the species or kind of property, the time and place when carried off or destroyed, and by whom, if known; and the value, in the estimation of the owner; and the person nominated by the said commissioners is hereby directed to report, with all convenient speed, to the governor and the council, the damages done in his county, with the species or kind of property carried off or destroyed, and his opinion of the value, with the names of the owners; and the governor and council are requested to transmit to the minister of foreign affairs quadruplicate copies of such report, under the seal of the state.

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III. And be it enacted, That where vessels belonging to the inhabitants of this state have been destroyed on the stocks, or before they were rigged, within the limits of this state, it shall and may be lawful for the person appointed by the commissioners of the tax of the county where the owner doth reside, and they are hereby required to hear evidence with regard to the destruction of such vessel by the enemy, and to report the same as above directed with regard to other property.

To hear evidence with regard to vessels burnt on the stocks, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices of the several county courts be authorized to make the person appointed as aforesaid to enquire into and report the damages done by the enemy as aforesaid, such allowance for his trouble as they may think reasonable, and shall levy the same on their county with the other county expences.

Justices to make allowance to persons appointed, &c.

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An ACT concerning estates tail.

WHEREAS common recoveries are considered as a mode of conveyance by which tenants in tail are enabled to convey and dispose of their lands and tenements, but the said mode of conveyance is attended with an heavy expence and great inconvenience, by reason of a necessary and chargeable attendance in many cases on the general court:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person or persons, seized of any estate tail, in possession, reversion, or remainder, shall have full power to grant, bargain, sell, and convey, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whereof he, she, or they, shall be so seized, by such manner and form of conveyance or assurance as any person seized of an estate in fee simple may, by the laws of this state, grant, bargain, sell, and convey, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whereof such person is seized of an estate in fee simple; and all and every such grants, bargains, sales, and conveyances, of any person or persons so seized in tail, shall be good and available, to all intents and purposes, against all and every person and persons, whom the grantor, bargainer, or vendor, might or could debar by any mode

How estates tail may be conveyed, &c.

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