

gislature, by act of assembly, naturalized, and directed to be educated at the expence of the state; that the said Zedekiah, by his last will made in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, deviled to his said son Thomas and his daughter Mary (an infant, then living, and since dead without issue) all his real estate, as tenants in tail; that all the real property of the said testator consisted of a lot of ground in the addition to Baltimore-town (called Fell's-point), and distinguished on the plot thereof by the number seventy-one, on which there are no improvements, and from which no benefit in its present state can be derived; and that the said Mary, the petitioner, came from Ireland with her said son Thomas, in expectation that her said husband had left considerable property; and therefore prayed that the said lot may be sold, and the interest arising from the purchase money be applied to her use, until the twenty-eighth day of October seventeen hundred and ninety-six, on which day her said son Thomas will arrive to age, in satisfaction for her right of dower in the said lot; and this general assembly have thought proper to comply with the prayer of the said petitioner:

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That his excellency the governor, appointed by law the guardian of the said Thomas Walley, be authorized and requested to appoint some proper person to sell the said lot of ground at auction, after four weeks notice in the Baltimore news-paper, and to take bond in his name, with good security, conditioned for the payment of the principal to the said Thomas Walley, his executors or administrators, on the twenty-eighth day of October seventeen hundred and ninety-six, and for payment of the interest annually to the said Mary Walley; and the execution of the said bond being proved before some justice of the peace by the witnesses thereto, shall be recorded by the clerk of the general court for the western shore, who shall deliver the original to the register of the chancery court, to be by him kept in the chancery office; and an attested copy of the record of such bond shall be as good evidence as if the original was produced and proved in court; and if the said Thomas Walley shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years, he shall be entitled to the principal money; and if his said mother shall die before his arrival to age, he shall also be entitled to the interest accruing after her death; and if the said Thomas Walley shall die before his arrival to age, and without issue, the money in such bond shall become the property of Zedekiah Walley Grier, and his legal representatives; and on payment of the purchase money and interest, the governor for the time being is hereby authorized to convey the said lot to the purchaser and his heirs, in fee, and if the interest shall not be annually paid, such bond may be put in suit by the said Mary Walley.

III. *Provided, and be it enacted,* That if it should appear, by a valuation upon oath, to be made in pursuance of directions from the governor for the time being, that the said lot would, without improvements, sell, when the said Thomas Walley comes of age, for a larger sum than the same may be sold for under this act, then, upon a certificate from the governor, stating such valuation, this state will provide for and pay to the said Thomas Walley such sum as will make up the difference.