

and widening the said lane, and also to ascertain and determine the sum or sums which any or every person interested therein and benefited thereby shall pay, in satisfaction of the said damages; which said sums, if ascertained by a jury as aforesaid, shall be returned by the commissioners, and be recovered in the same manner as before directed.

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V. And be it enacted, That every part of the aforesaid act inconsistent herewith, shall be to all intents and purposes repealed.

Parts of former act repealed, &c.

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An ACT for the benefit of Anne Stevenson.

WHEREAS Anne Stevenson, wife of doctor Henry Stevenson, by her humble petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that in consequence of the seizure and sale of a considerable part of the real and personal property of her husband, she is reduced to the painful situation of approaching ruin; that from her sex she had it not in her power, if in her inclination, by any acts of hers, to draw down upon herself and children so heavy a judgment from her country, as a total loss of all the property of her husband; that a small real estate in Somerset county, which she inherited from her father, a life estate in Harford county, which her husband held as tenant by the courtesy, in consequence of his marriage with his first wife, and a few negroes, lately the property of her said husband, are still unsold; and prayed that this general assembly would consider the distressed state of herself and children, and restore to her the estate which she inherited from her father, and such parts of her husband's as to them should seem reasonable; and this general assembly have thought proper to grant the prayer of the said petitioner: Therefore,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the negroes, late the property of Henry Stevenson, which remain unsold, be and they are hereby given to the said Anne Stevenson, for her sole and separate use, together with the life estate of her husband in the tract of land in Somerset county, called Providence, containing three hundred and seventy-five acres of land.

Negroes, &c. given to A. Stevenson.

III. And be it enacted, That the life estate in the tract of land in Harford county, called Cohiers Lot, to which the said Henry Stevenson was entitled, in consequence of his marriage with his first wife, be and it is hereby given to the children of the said Henry Stevenson by his said first wife, to be equally divided between them.

Life estate given to children, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Anne Stevenson is hereby authorized to receive any rents that may be due on the estate in Somerset county of the said Henry Stevenson.

A. Stevenson may receive rents, &c.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if there should not be sufficient property of the said Henry Stevenson sold to pay all his just debts, that then and in such case all the property given by virtue of this act shall be subject to and remain bound for the payment thereof.

Proviso.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Benjamin Garnett.

WHEREAS Benjamin Garnett, of Kent county, by his humble petition to this general assembly, hath represented and set forth, that a certain Mary Garnett, by her last will and testament,

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