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ment, did thereby devise to the said Benjamin Garnett, and Joseph Garnett his brother, a house and lot in New-town, Kent county, in joint tenancy; that the said Joseph Garnett went off to the enemy, and his part of said lot became confiscated, but has never been sold; and that the aforesaid lot had, at the death of the testatrix, thereon a good dwelling-house, which has since been burnt down, and has thereby rendered the lot of very little value: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the aforesaid house, by being destroyed, has deprived the said Benjamin Garnett of the only means of support: And whereas it appears that the petitioner has been a warm and steady friend to America, and that he has served, during the war, both as a private soldier and an officer in the American army, and has used every exertion in his power to repel the cruel and tyrannical attempts of Great-Britain to subjugate his native country; and this general assembly having considered the peculiar situation and circumstances of the petitioner,

Estate vested  
in fee simple,  
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the legal estate in and to the said moiety of the lot aforesaid in New-town, shall be and hereby is vested in fee simple in the aforesaid Benjamin Garnett, after paying all just debts due from the said Joseph Garnett his brother, in as full and ample a manner as the same was heretofore vested in this state, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to lay a tax on property within the said city and the precincts, to regulate and license ordinaries, and retailers of spirituous liquors, within the said city and the precincts thereof.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the annual ordinary expences of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, for the support of the mayor's court and its proper officers, and the necessary charge of repairing the streets, require considerable sums of money, and the funds belonging to the said city are very trivial, and greatly inadequate to the annual expences thereof; and it is also represented, that the dock of this city requires immediately to be cleaned, and that there is no market-house in the said city:

Corporation  
may lay a tax,  
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the corporation of the said city of Annapolis and their successors be, and they are hereby authorized to lay a tax not exceeding one shilling current money in any one year for every hundred pounds of property within the said city and the precincts thereof, as the said corporation may think proper.

Regulate or-  
dinaries, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the power of regulating ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and precincts thereof, shall be hereafter vested in the said corporation and their successors, and the mayor's court of the said city only shall hereafter grant licences to ordinary-keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and its precincts, under such regulations and rules as the said corporation and their successors may make; and the said corporation and their successors may reserve and lay such fine on every licence granted by the said mayor's court to any ordinary-keeper or retailer of spirituous liquors within the said city and its precincts.

IV. *And*