

C H A P. VII.

ter died intestate, leaving the petitioner, his son and heir at law, an infant under twenty-one years of age, and that he became of age in the month of May last past; that the deed of conveyance aforesaid, by accident, was not recorded agreeable to law, and that he took the earliest opportunity of petitioning the chancellor to have the same recorded; that it appearing to the chancellor, that the said Richard Wiley having gone to Virginia several years ago, and it not being in the jurisdiction of the chancery court in that case to decree that the said deed should be recorded, he prayed that the same should be aided by an act of assembly, in order that the said deed should be as good and valid as if recorded within six months from its acknowledgement; and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable;

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 Peter Hunter to have the said deed recorded amongst the land records of Baltimore county, at any time within six months from the passing of this act, and that the same deed, when so recorded, shall be as good, valid and effectual, to every intent and purpose intended thereby, as if it had been recorded within the time limited by law, agreeable to the act for the enrollment of deeds, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; saving to all persons, not herein mentioned, their several and respective rights.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed December 6.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the aforesaid act it is among other things directed, that all fish-barrels imported or brought into the town of Baltimore, shall be of particular dimensions, as is therein described; and it appearing to this general assembly, that from the scarcity of fish the two last seasons, many fish-barrels and staves, actually cut and dressed before the above law passed, still remain on hand, and it being reasonable that a further time should be given for the disposal of such barrels;

Inspector to pass all fish-barrels, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the inspector of salted provisions for Baltimore-town, shall be and is hereby authorized and required to pass all fish-barrels brought to the town of Baltimore as aforesaid on or before the first day of November next, they being in conformity with the law above mentioned in every other respect than their size and dimensions; provided it shall be made appear by the oath or affirmation of the owner or maker of said barrels, certified by any justice of the peace of this state, or made before said inspector, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, "That the barrels so offered for inspection were actually made, or the staves in them were actually cut and dressed, before the above-mentioned law did pass:" And provided also, that no fish-barrels shall be passed which shall be deemed by the inspector aforesaid to be of less dimensions than fish-barrels usually made before passing the above law; and that said barrels may be distinguished from those made in conformity with the law aforesaid, the said inspector is hereby required to put on every barrel so passed, in addition to the brand-marks already directed, the letter S, any thing in said law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by law no action can be continued in the general court beyond the end of the fourth court after the appearance court, except only in causes where evidences are wanted from beyond sea: And whereas by law no action can be continued in any county court beyond the end of the third court after the appearance court, unless on affidavit that testimony material is wanting: And whereas the said courts respectively ought to have a discretionary

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