

said lands lying in Queen-Anne's county, and such part of the aforesaid land lying in Caroline county, as he devised to his daughters Henrietta Maria Clayton, Margaret Earle, Deborah Earle, and Susanna Earle, and his grand-son Henry Hindman, and to apply the monies arising therefrom to the payment of his just debts; that Samuel Earle, the only acting executor of the said will and testament, in pursuance of the said power, sold and conveyed part of the aforesaid lands lying in Caroline county, to a certain Abner Roe, and part thereof he sold and contracted to convey to a certain Thomas Hopkins, of the same county; and prayed that this general assembly would invest him with a power to sell and convey the aforesaid lands lying in Queen-Anne's county, and such part of the aforesaid lands lying in Caroline county, as was unsold by the said Samuel Earle at the time of his death, and to apply the monies arising therefrom to the payment of the just debts of the said Richard Tilghman Earle, agreeable to his said last will and testament, and also to convey the aforesaid lands to the above named Thomas Hopkins, his heirs and assigns, agreeably to the contract made between the said Thomas Hopkins and the said Samuel Earle; and this general assembly conceive the prayer of the said petition reasonable.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Richard Tilghman Earle shall have full power and authority to convey to the said Thomas Hopkins, his heirs and assigns, the lands sold by the said Samuel Earle to the said Thomas, agreeably to the contract made between the said Samuel Earle and the said Thomas Hopkins, and also to sell, dispose of and convey, all the lands, tenements and hereditaments, which the said Richard Tilghman Earle directed, by his last will and testament, to be sold for the payment of his debts, and to apply the money arising therefrom to the payment of the debts of the said Richard Tilghman Earle, according to the direction of his said will.

R. T. Earle
empowered to
convey, &c.

III. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted,* That before the said Richard Tilghman Earle shall have power to act under the authority given him by this act, he shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, with security to be approved of by the register of wills for Queen-Anne's county, in such sum as the said register shall think reasonable, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by this act; which bond shall be filed in the said register's office, and, in case of any breach thereof, shall be suable as testamentary bonds are by the laws of this state.

To enter into
bond, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the said Richard Tilghman Earle shall settle his account of the monies received and expended by him in virtue of this act, before the orphans court of Queen-Anne's county, who are hereby empowered to settle and adjust the same, and to make the said Richard Tilghman Earle an allowance of ten *per cent.* on all money which he shall pay towards the discharge of the debts of his deceased father Richard Tilghman Earle.

And settle his
account, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the benefit of Nicholas Merryman, of Baltimore county.

Passed De-
cember 14.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the said Nicholas Merryman, that he was appointed one of the supervisors for the purpose of straightening and amending the public roads in said county, and had, of the bills of credit emitted by virtue of the act of seventeen hundred and seventy-four, to the amount of three hundred pounds sterling, part of the sum loaned by the state to Baltimore county for that purpose, deposited in his hands; and being prevented from carrying the said work into execution, that he was, in or about the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six, called upon by the legislature to return said money into the treasury, which he complied with; and in making said payment sent the money by different persons, by reason whereof thirty-four pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence more than the sum deposited in his hands was paid into the treasury; and this general assembly think it just and reasonable that the said Nicholas Merryman should be refunded the said sum of money by the county aforesaid; therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be*