

county, and was so patented: And whereas on the second day of June, seventeen hundred and fifty, a division of Baltimore county took place, by which means the said tract of land was thrown into Frederick county, and the aforesaid deed of bargain and sale was, by mistake, acknowledged before two justices of Baltimore county, and recorded in the land records of said county, agreeable to the patent, instead of Frederick, where the land, in consequence of the division, was thrown: And whereas by sundry mesne conveyances, legally executed, the said tract of land is vested in Legh Master, his heirs and assigns, by a deed from the petitioner: And whereas also, by the said petition, it appears, that a deed of bargain and sale, on the sixteenth day of June, seventeen hundred and sixty, was executed by Henry Ambrose, conveying part of a tract of land lying in Frederick county, in fee-simple, to a person by the name of Benjamin Swope, as also that two other deeds were respectively executed by Matthias Ambrose, junior, and George Matthews and Maria Barbara Matthews, on the eighteenth day of March, seventeen hundred and sixty-one, conveying, in fee-simple, other parts of the said tract of land to the same person, by the name of Benjamin Swope: And whereas also on the sixteenth day of May, seventeen hundred and sixty-one, a patent issued from the land-office of this state to the said person, under the name of Benjamin Swope, for thirty acres of land in Frederick county, called Beauty Spot: And whereas the real name of the said grantee and patentee was Benedict Swope, and not Benjamin: And whereas the said Benedict, being in possession of the said lands under the aforesaid deeds and patent, by his real name of Benedict Swope, on the seventh day of July, seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, conveyed the whole of the said lands, in fee-simple, to the petitioner William Buchanan, who hath since conveyed the same, in fee-simple, to Legh Master: And whereas it is just and reasonable that the prayer of the said petitioner should be granted, and the mistake of acknowledging and recording the deed in an improper county, under the peculiar circumstances thereof, remedied, and also any defects in any of the aforesaid conveyances, arising from the misnomer of the said Benedict, should be rectified; and there being no power or authority in the high court of chancery, to remedy and aid the same,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the deed of bargain and sale heretofore, on the twenty-ninth day of November, seventeen hundred and fifty-seven, executed by William Young to Benjamin Arnold, for the conveyance, in fee-simple, of the land called Narrow Bottom, and acknowledged before two justices of, and recorded in the land records of, Baltimore county, be deemed and considered, in all courts of law and equity within this state, as valid and available as if the same had been recorded within the time prescribed by law, in the land records of Frederick county, and acknowledged before justices thereof. Deed deemed valid, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid patent and conveyances to Benedict Swope, under the name of Benjamin, be as valid and available, and shall be so taken and considered in all courts of law and equity within this state, as if the same had been executed and conveyed to him under and by his real name of Benedict Swope. Conveyances made valid, &c.

IV. *Provided always,* That nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the right, title or claim, of any person whatever to any of the lands herein before mentioned, other than the grantee and grantees thereof herein before named, their heirs and devisees. Provido.

C H A P. XXXV.

A. Supplement to an act for the relief of the securities of John Beall, former collector of the public taxes for Prince-George's county. Passed December 27.

WHEREAS Humphrey Belt, Sarah Brookes, Richard Cramphin, Leonard Deakins and Samuel Shekell, have presented their petition to this general assembly, praying that the time for completing the collection Preamble.