

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT to enable George William West, of Baltimore county, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the late reverend William West, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed December 22.

WHEREAS the said George William West, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that the said William West, at the time of his death, was, together with Daniel Bowley and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, seized, in fee-simple, of a very considerable real estate in Baltimore, Anne-Arundel, and Harford counties, as tenants in common, devised to them by the last will and testament of Thomas Harrison, deceased; that the said William West, by his last will and testament, gave and devised such proportion of the estate of the said Thomas Harrison, deceased, to his daughters Margaret West and Sybill West, as certain persons therein mentioned named should think, in conscience, he ought to retain out of the said estate as executor and devisee thereof; that after the said share should be so deducted, and the lands belonging to the said Thomas Harrison should be sold, then he bequeathed the amount thereof to be applied to certain uses therein mentioned; that the said Margaret and Sybill West are minors, and, by reason thereof, no sales can be made, and that the said estate will be considerably injured, and the trusts of the said will cannot be complied with, unless through the interposition of the legislature; and that several sales of part of the real estate of the said Thomas Harrison, deceased, were made by his devisees in the lifetime of the said William West, but conveyances were never executed; and hath prayed that an act may pass, enabling him to sell and dispose of the said estate, and to execute conveyances for the land sold as aforesaid in the lifetime of the said William West; and the facts stated in the said petition appearing to this general assembly to be true,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said George William West shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of all the real estate whereof the said William West, deceased, was, at the time of his death, seized and possessed, as tenant in common with the said Daniel Bowley and Richard Ridgely, as devisees of the late Thomas Harrison, upon such terms and conditions as will be most beneficial for the said estate, and upon receipt of the purchase money, to execute conveyances for such estates as the said William West, at the time of his death, had and was entitled to therein.

G. W. West authorized to sell, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said George William West, before any sale shall be made in virtue of this act, shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in such sum, and with such security, as shall be required by the orphans court of Baltimore county, conditioned, that the said George William West shall and will faithfully and honestly sell and dispose of the real estate whereof the said William West, deceased, was, at the time of his death, together with Daniel Bowley and Richard Ridgely, seized and possessed, as devisees of the late Thomas Harrison, deceased, and that he the said George William West shall, without fraud or delay, apply the amount thereof to the uses and purposes directed and appointed by the last will and testament of the said William West, deceased, and to observe and comply with the directions of this act.

To enter into bond, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases of sales of the real estates of the said Thomas Harrison, deceased, by his devisees, in the lifetime of the said William West, where the terms of the purchase have been complied with by the purchasers, or their representatives or assigns, the said George William West shall and may, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to execute conveyances for the land so sold to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, or their representatives or assigns, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as the said William West, deceased, might or could have done in his lifetime.

And execute conveyances, &c.