

C H A P. VII. and his title to such property, from his not having become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question, to his great detriment and injury; therefore,

Title vested, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title to the real property, lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid Benjamin Ward, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the said Benjamin Ward, to all intents and purposes, as if he had been naturalized agreeably to said laws; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatsoever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Benjamin Ward shall, on or before the first day of June next, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act, but if the said Benjamin Ward die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he may become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property by descent or devise to any person or persons being a citizen or citizens of the United States capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

An ACT to authorise the continuance of certain causes in the court of appeals.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the indispensable engagements of the bar prevent their arguing causes of much consequence depending in the court of appeals, and which causes cannot by law continue,

Judges may continue causes, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of the court of appeals shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to continue any cause or causes now depending in said court to and during June session next, if in their opinion such continuance shall be necessary for the purpose of having said causes decided on their merits.

And reinstate them, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the judges of the court of appeals shall have power, and authority is hereby given to them, to reinstate and continue to and during their next term, any cause or causes that have gone off the docket by reason of the indisposition of one of the judges, if in their opinion such reinstatements and continuances are necessary to the merits of any such case.

C H A P. IX.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

An ACT to alter the times of holding the county courts in Frederick and Washington counties.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the times of holding the county courts of Frederick and Washington counties are found inconvenient; therefore,

When court shall commence, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the county court of Frederick shall hereafter commence and be held on the first Monday of February in each year, instead of the third Monday in March, and on the first Monday in August, instead of the third Monday in November, and that the county court of Washington county shall hereafter commence and be held on the third Monday in February in each year, instead of the first Monday in April, and on the third Monday in August, instead of the first Monday in December.

Court adjourned.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the county court of Washington county which now stands adjourned to the first Monday in December next, shall be and is hereby adjourned to the third Monday in February next.

Process returnable, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all process whatsoever now issued, or that may be issued, in the county court of Washington, returnable to the said court of the said county heretofore adjourned to the first Monday in December next, or to any particular day or days in the first and succeeding weeks, shall be returnable and returned to the third Monday in February next, or to corresponding days in the first and second week succeeding the same respectively, and all causes and proceedings, civil and criminal, returnable to, and depending before, the said county court of Washington county, at the time of its last adjournment, shall be returnable and continued to the third