

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to establish and confirm a road in Harford county therein mentioned.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, that the road heretofore opened and cleared from William Ashmore's mill for three or four miles towards the Pennsylvania line, near to the dwelling-house of a certain Andrew Howlett, has been found to be convenient and useful to the public, and that all the persons over whose lands the said road has been laid out are satisfied therewith, and praying that the same may be confirmed and established as a public road for the distance aforesaid; and the same being reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the road heretofore laid out and opened from William Ashmore's mill towards the Pennsylvania line, near the dwelling-house of a certain Andrew Howlett, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a public highway, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads are in said county, any thing in any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Road declared public, &c.

C H A P. XXIII.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Hugh Furguson, of Kent county.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is a supplement the real property therein mentioned was vested in the said Hugh Furguson, as fully as if he had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States: And whereas it was provided by the said act, that unless the said Hugh Furguson should, on or before the first day of June then next following, proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, that the said act should have no effect to confirm his title to the said property; And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Temperance Furguson, that the said Hugh Furguson did not proceed according to law within the time limited by the said act to make himself a citizen of the United States, and hath since died, leaving the said Temperance Furguson his widow, and Samuel Furguson, Mary Furguson and Margaret Furguson, his children, whose several rights to the real property of the said Hugh Furguson may hereafter be called in question, to their great injury; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title to the real property fairly acquired by the said Hugh Furguson in his life-time, shall be and the same is hereby as amply and fully vested in, and confirmed to, the widow and children of the said Hugh Furguson, in the same manner, according to their several and respective rights, as if the said Hugh Furguson had been a citizen of this state and of the United States at the time he purchased the said property, any thing in the before recited act to the contrary notwithstanding; provided however, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons previous to the passage of the act to which this is a supplement.

Title vested, &c.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT to empower the judges of the court of appeals to reinstate the cause of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the case depending in the court of appeals of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee, has not been decided on by the court, and that by law the same could not continue longer than June term, in the year eighteen hundred and three; and it being represented to this general assembly, by the said Edward Norwood, that he will be greatly aggrieved in case he cannot have the benefit of his appeal, and the decision of the said court; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the high court of appeals may and they are hereby authorised and empowered, on application, to reinstate and continue, until the end of the next term, the cause of Edward Norwood against Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee, if, in their judgment and opinion, under all the circumstances of the case, the same would tend to do justice between the parties.

Court may reinstate the cause, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the judgment or decision of the court of appeals, in the event of their reinstating said cause, shall have the same effect and operation as if it had been rendered at June term, eighteen hundred and three, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Decision to have effect, &c.