

articles, as a jointure, and in lieu, bar and full satisfaction, of her right and claim of dower or thirds, of, in and to the estate, either real or personal, of the said Ely Dorsey; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed in any manner to affect, or in any wise prejudice, any creditor or creditors of the said Ely Dorsey, or Araminta his wife, or to invalidate any bargain or sale, or contract or contracts, made heretofore by the said Ely Dorsey, or Araminta his wife, of or relating to the property contained in the said marriage articles.

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C H A P. VI.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and of his wife and children.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Susannah, wife to the said Robert Williams, and the same Susannah mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, that the recital of the said act is erroneous, by omitting the name of Anthony, son to the said Susannah and Robert, and Samuel, son to Dinah in the said act mentioned, and grandson to the said Susannah and Robert: And whereas it is further represented, that unless the said omission is corrected that the said Anthony and Samuel may be sold into bondage, which, from the facts stated in the original law, would be unjust; therefore,

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II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor of this state to execute a deed for the emancipation and freeing of the said Anthony and Samuel, the said deed of emancipation to take effect from the time therein prescribed, and in every other respect to have the same effect and operation, to every intent and purpose, as a deed of emancipation would have had if regularly executed, acknowledged and recorded, by the said Robert Williams while *compos mentis*; the deed so to be executed by the chancellor shall be recorded amongst the land records of Anne-Arundel county, within six months from its date, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Chancellor may execute a deed, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the support of Elias Thompson and Mary Thompson.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS Sarah Thompson, of Frederick county, by her petition to this general assembly, has set forth, that she has, among other children, a son and daughter who are insane, and that she, the said Sarah Thompson, is not able to maintain them, and prays that an act may pass to provide for the support of said children out of the poor's house; and the facts stated in said petition appearing true,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Frederick county shall, and they are hereby empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars, in addition to the sum heretofore assessed and levied for the support and maintenance of Elias and Mary Thompson, and the money, when collected, shall be paid by the collector of said county to Sarah Thompson, or order, for the uses aforesaid.

Justices to levy money, &c.

C H A P. VIII.

An ACT to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and six, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed.

An act confirmed.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county stood adjourned until the second Tuesday in August last, and that no one of the justices of said court attended to call the same according to adjournment as aforesaid, whereby all process and proceedings in the said court were discontinued; for remedy whereof,

Preamble.