

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the trustees of said school, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to bind out as an apprentice, agreeable to the provisions contained in an act for the better regulation of apprentices, every child that has neither father nor mother living, that is supported and educated by the said trustees at said school, to some manufacturer, mechanic, or other person, at the discretion of said trustees, until such orphan child, if a male, shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years, and if a female, to the age of sixteen years, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXXII. Trustees may bind out children, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every indenture taken by the trustees aforesaid shall, within thirty days after the execution of the same, be recorded among the records of the orphans court of Caroline county, and the sum of three shillings shall be paid by the master or mistress of said apprentice therefor.

Indentures to be recorded, &c.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT to make valid the will of Arthur M'Dade, late of Cæcil county, deceased.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Henry Lilley and Hugh M'Dade, devisees of the said Arthur, and William Howell, father of Charles Westly Howell, a minor, and the devisee of the said Arthur, that the said Arthur M'Dade emigrated to this country from the kingdom of Great-Britain about fifteen years ago; that about four years since he purchased a lot of ground in Cæcil county, containing eight acres more or less, that at the time of making said purchase said M'Dade was an alien, and unable to hold real property; that the said M'Dade was afterwards duly naturalized and made his will, and devised the said lot of ground to the petitioners; that under these circumstances the property aforesaid hath been supposed liable to be affected by an escheat warrant, and that the title of the devisees is insecure, and praying that an act may pass to make valid the will of the said Arthur M'Dade, and secure their title to the said property; and the prayer of the said petition being reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the will of the said Arthur M'Dade shall be as effectual, to all intents and purposes, to pass the real estate of which he died seized, in the same manner as if the said real estate had been purchased by him subsequent to the time of his naturalization; provided, that this act shall not be construed to give the said devisees any other or greater estate than they would have been entitled to if the said will had been originally valid; and provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any legal right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons before the passing of this act.

Will to be effectual, &c.

C H A P. XXXIV.

An ACT to erect a new bridge over Great Choptank river, in Caroline county.

Passed 15th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS the old bridge over Choptank river, at the village of Greensborough, in said county, is in a ruinous situation, and nearly impassable, and as it is found absolutely necessary that a new one may be built at or near the place where the old one stands, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Reed, Nehemiah Townsend and William Whitely, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of building and completing the new bridge aforesaid, at or near the place where the old one now stands; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are by this act empowered to agree and contract with any person or persons, upon the best and cheapest terms, to finish and complete the said new bridge.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Caroline county be and they are hereby authorized and directed, at their next levy court, to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, the sum of five hundred dollars current money, together with the usual commission for collection, to be collected by the collector of said county in the same manner as other county charges are collected, and when collected by the collector to be paid to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or to their order; and the said bridge, when completed, shall be kept up and repaired in the same manner that other public bridges in said county are by law directed to be kept up and repaired.

Court to levy money, &c.