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An ACT for the relief of James Dooris, of Talbot County.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Dooris, of Talbot county, a citizen of the United States, that he has purchased of Mr. William Sears, of said county, certain real property in the town of St. Michael's, heretofore called The Church Land, being a part of a tract of land known by the name of Jane's Progress, lying and being in said county: And whereas some doubts have arisen as to the validity of the title of the said James Dooris to the said property, in as much as the said James Dooris was not naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the said James Dooris to the aforesaid part of the said tract of land called Jane's Progress, shall be and the same is hereby made as perfect and complete, to all intents and purposes, as if the said James Dooris had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States before the said purchase was made, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding; provided always, 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 whatever before the passage of this act.

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A Further Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Stockholders in the Union Bank of Maryland.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of the president and directors of the Union Bank of Maryland, that the capital of the said bank hath lately increased to more than two millions of dollars, and will probably, in a short time, amount to two millions five hundred thousand dollars; that in consequence of this increase much difficulty is experienced in employing the whole of the capital, and that by suffering it to remain inactive considerable injury must necessarily result to the stockholders: And whereas the said president and directors have prayed that their charter may be so altered as to authorise a portion of the capital to be laid out in the purchase of the public debt of the United States, or in stocks of some of the chartered banks in the United States, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the president and directors of the Union Bank of Maryland, for the time being, whenever they may conceive that the interest of the stockholders will be thereby promoted, to lay out a portion of the capital of the said bank in the purchase of the public debt of the United States, or stock of any chartered bank in the United States, and the same to hold, transfer, use and employ, for the general benefit of all the stockholders in the said bank, in proportion to their respective shares and interest in the same, any thing in the original charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT to authorise Elizabeth Philpott, of Frederick County, to dispose of the Land therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Elizabeth Philpott, administratrix and widow of Charles Philpott, late of Frederick county, deceased, who died intestate, leaving at his death the said Elizabeth Philpott and six infant children; that the personal estate will not be sufficient to discharge all the debts of her intestate; that if the personal estate is all taken for that purpose, she will be incapable of farming or cultivating the plantation whereon she and her family reside; that if the same was rented out, the probable rents accruing therefrom would be inadequate for the maintenance and support for herself and children; and the said petitioner further represents, that her late husband died seized of a small tract of land, in fee-simple, containing about twenty acres, part of a tract of land called The Resurvey on Merryland, which said land lies at a distance from the dwelling plantation, and totally detached; that if she is permitted to dispose of the same, the proceeds thereof, together with a portion of the personal estate, will enable her, as she supposes, to discharge all the just debts of her said intestate; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Elizabeth Philpott is hereby authorised to sell, at public sale, to the highest bidder, all that piece or parcel of land aforesaid, being part of the tract of land called The Resurvey on Merryland, detached from the dwelling plantation,