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L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. CXXXVI.

Prince-George's county, shall have the effect to convey all the right, title, claim and interest, both at law and in equity, which he the said William Warman Berry had at the time of his death in the land mentioned in the said deed to have been thereby bargained and sold, and shall be a bar to any claim of dower by the said widow of the said William Warman Berry, or the right of any person claiming as his legal representatives, which deed or deeds, to be executed by the commissioners, shall be acknowledged and recorded in the manner and within the time limited by law in the case of other deeds.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the widow, or any one of the said children of the said William Warman Berry, should die before the sale of the said land, or before the portion to which such widow or child may be entitled, shall have been paid over, then the part or portion of the person so dying shall be paid over by the said commissioners to his or her legal representatives.

C H A P. CXXXVII.

Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

An ACT confirming to Margaret Ringgold the Title of a Lot of Land on South-East Creek, in Queen-Anne's County.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the justices of the peace for Queen-Anne's county, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, under the provisions of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed at November session, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, purchased from a certain John Tippins, of Queen-Anne's county, a quantity of land, not exceeding two acres, lying and being in Queen-Anne's county, on South-East creek, at a place called Tippins's Granary, and did erect a warehouse on the same, agreeably to the provisions of the said act, and that the certificate of the said land, directed to be made out and returned by the county surveyor to the clerk of Queen-Anne's county, to be recorded, has been lost, and that the levy court of Queen-Anne's county, under an order by them made, on the twelfth of May, eighteen hundred and seven, sold the premises to Margaret Ringgold, of Queen-Anne's county, according to the provisions of an act of assembly, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, chapter seventy-one, and that the said levy court, (the purchase money being paid,) have executed a deed for the said land, according to the original location of the same, made under the purchase from the said John Tippins; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said deed, from the said levy court to the said Margaret Ringgold, shall be deemed and construed to pass as good and perfect a title in the said land and premises to the said Margaret Ringgold, her heirs and assigns, for ever, as if the aforesaid certificate had been recorded among the records of said county, provided the said deed be recorded in the records of Queen-Anne's county in six months from the time of its execution.

C H A P. CXXXVIII.

Passed 6th of Jan. 1810.

An ACT concerning Crimes and Punishments.

WHEREAS it frequently happens, that men resigning themselves to the dominion of inordinate passion, commit great violations upon the lives, liberties or property, of others, which it is the great business of the laws to protect and secure, and experience evinces that the surest way of preventing the perpetration of crimes, and of reforming offenders, is by a mild and justly proportioned scale of punishments; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the offences herein after mentioned against the government and the supremacy of the laws, shall be punished in manner following; that is to say 1st. Every person duly convicted of the crime of high treason against the state, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck, or be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary-house herein after mentioned for a period not less than six nor more than twenty years, at the discretion of the court, and shall be kept therein at hard labour, or in solitude, and shall in all things be treated and dealt with as is herein after directed. 2d. Every free negro, mulatto or slave, who shall be duly convicted of actually raising, and every white person who shall be duly convicted of actually raising, with any free negro, mulatto or slave, insurrection or rebellion in this state, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck, and every free negro, mulatto or slave, who shall be duly convicted of consulting, conspiring, or attempting to raise, and every white person who shall be duly convicted of consulting, conspiring, or attempting, with any free negro, mulatto or slave, to raise, insurrection or rebellion in this state, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than six or more than twenty years, to be treated in all respects as herein after directed. 3d. Every person who shall be duly convicted of the crime of counterfeiting the great seal of this state for the time being, or the seal of any court, or any other pub-

Preamble

High Treason

Insurrection or Rebellion

Counterfeiting the Great Seal