

and value the damages accordingly, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any; and such inquisition and valuation shall be final and conclusive between the parties respectively.

1811.

CHAPTER 39.

*An act for the relief of Nathaniel Wallace, of Allegany county.* Passed Dec. 27, 1811.

WHEREAS, it is represented, that Nathaniel Wallace, of Allegany county, emigrated to the United States of America in or about the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and that he has resided ever since within the said United States, and upwards of eleven years within the state of Maryland, in Allegany county; that he was always impressed with an idea that being within the said United States before the conclusion of the American war, that he was a citizen of the United States, and that under that impression he has acquired a legal title to property, which he now finds to be insecure. *Therefore,* Preamble.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the estate of the said Nathaniel Wallace, fully and fairly acquired by purchase and conveyance, devise, or in the course of distribution, be, and the same is hereby amply and fully vested in the said Nathaniel Wallace and his heirs, to all intents and purposes, in the same manner as it would have been if the said Nathaniel Wallace had been legally naturalized at the time of his acquiring the same or any part thereof: *Provided always,* That nothing in this act contained shall, in any wise, affect or defeat any right, title or claim to said property, or any part thereof, acquired by any person or persons, before the passage of this act. And, *Provided also,* That unless the said Nathaniel Wallace shall be, at the time of the passage of this act, naturalized agreeable to law, or shall, on or before the first day of May eighteen hundred and twelve, according to law, become a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to his estate. Estate vested in him and his heirs under certain provisions.

CHAPTER 40.

*An act authorising Commissioners to open the old road leading from Richard Owings' mill, in Anne-Arundel county, to Elk-Ridge church, in Queen Caroline parish.* Passed Dec. 27, 1811.

WHEREAS, a number of the inhabitants of Queen Preamble.