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## CHAPTER 18.

Passed Jan. 5.  
Preamble

An act for the benefit of William Cowan, of Cecil County.

WHEREAS, William Cowan of Cecil county, hath represented to this general assembly, that a certain Thomas Rowe, of the county aforesaid, did by deed convey unto a certain John Culbertson and James Culbertson, an undivided moiety of a parcel or parcels of land lying in the county aforesaid; that the said Thomas Rowe, James Culbertson and John Culbertson, did by deed convey unto the said William Cowan, all their several and respective rights and titles to the said lands; that the said John Culbertson and James Culbertson, were aliens at the time when the said land was conveyed unto them; and also that the said John Culbertson was an alien at the time when the said land was conveyed unto the said William Cowan: And whereas the said William Cowan has prayed that his title to the said land may be made valid, Therefore,

W. Cowan's  
title made val-  
id.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the right, title and claim, of the said William Cowan, to the said land as mentioned and described in the deeds above referred to, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, shall be and the same is hereby made as valid, as perfect and as complete, as if the said John Culbertson and James Culbertson had been duly naturalized according to the laws of the United States, before the said land was conveyed unto them, the said John Culbertson and James Culbertson, by the said Thomas Rowe, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding.

## CHAPTER 19.

Passed Jan 5. A Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Union Company of Snow Hill.

Capital stock  
augmented.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the president and managers of the Union Company of Snow Hill, shall be and they are hereby authorised, to augment the capital stock of said company to fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars, by extending the shares to thirty-five dollars each, provided the holders of two-thirds of the stock shall agree thereto in a general meeting of the stockholders, to be called according to the provisions of the original act.

How to be paid

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said augmented capital shall be paid in such manner, and at such time, as the president and managers shall think most conducive to the interest of the institution.

## CHAPTER 20.

Passed Jan 6. An act for the establishment of an Academy at Elkton in Cecil County.

Preamble

WHEREAS application has been made to this general assembly, by certain inhabitants of Cecil county, that a law may pass establishing an academy at Elkton in said county: And whereas institutions for the liberal education of youth, in different parts of this state, would have beneficial effects in training up and continuing a succession of able and virtuous men, for discharging the various offices and duties of public and private life: And whereas many, who would wish to give their children such education, have it not