

CHAP. 53. whereas it is reasonable that the said Elizabeth Howard should enjoy her dower in the same; therefore,

Authorized to hold
and enjoy her
right of dower, &c

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Elizabeth Howard, widow of Thomas W. Howard, late of Montgomery county, he and she is hereby authorised to have, take, and hold and enjoy, such right of dower and estate in all the lands lying in Montgomery county, of which the said Thomas W. Howard was seized in equitable estate at the time of his death, as she might or could do if the said Thomas W. Howard had died seized of an estate in fee simple in the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided, that this law shall not be construed to affect any contracts made by the said Thomas W. Howard, for or concerning the said land, or to affect the right creditors.*

Proviso

CHAP. LIV.

Passed Jan 14, 1820 An Act to make valid the title of Risdon Nicholson, and Millicent Nicholson, of Kent County, to a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned.

Preamble

WHEREAS; it has been represented to this general assembly, that a certain Benjamin Nicholson, a man of colour, of Kent county, was, at the time of his death, seized in fee in a certain lot of land lying and being in Kent county, and state of Maryland, as by a reference to a deed made by a certain John Boyd to the said Benjamin Nicholson, and duly enrolled among the records of Kent county, on the sixteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, will more fully appear; and it being further represented to the satisfaction of this general assembly, that the said Benjamin Nicholson left two children, the said Risdon Nicholson and Millicent Nicholson, but that by reason of the said Benjamin Nicholson not having been legally married, as is generally the case with that unfortunate class of citizens, his children, the said Risdon Nicholson and Millicent Nicholson, cannot inherit the said lot of land, and that the same is liable to escheat; therefore,

State's right to
land relinquished

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland. That all the right of the state to the said lot of land is hereby relinquished, and that all the right, title and interest, which the said Benjamin Nicholson had in the lot aforesaid, is hereby vested in the said Risdon Nicholson and Millicent Nicholson, and their heirs or assigns; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the right acquired by any other person or persons in and to the property aforesaid before the passage of this act.*

Proviso

CHAP. LV.

Passed Jan 14 1820 An Act Relating to the Confinement of persons convicted in the Courts of the United States for the District of Maryland, in the Penitentiary of this State.

Keeper to receive
persons sentenced
by courts of the U.
S. in penitentiary

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the keeper of the penitentiary, to receive into his custody, and put to labour, any person or persons who may hereafter be sentenced to imprisonment therein by the courts of the United States in and for the District of Maryland, on condition that he be paid towards the support of said institution the sum of thirty cents per diem for the time the said prisoner shall remain in custody, which prisoner shall be subjected to the same laws and discipline whilst there, to which other convicts from the state courts are subjected.*