but that doubts being entertained of the effect of that decree towards CHAP. 102. the complete and beneficial execution of the said trust, by reason of the situation of the said James P. Boyd, the want of proper parties, and of the appointment of a trustee in his place, as also the unavoidable absence of a provision relative to the sale of the right of dower of Ellen M. Mechen, wife of the said William M. Mechen, in consequence of all which the other trustee in the said deed is unwilling to act under the said decree; wherefore they pray a law may be passed empowering the chancellor, or Baltimore county court, upon bill or petition, and the answers of all the parties of the said trust deed, who shall not be complainants or petitioners, and upon hearing the allegations and proofs, (if any shall be offered,) to make another and a more effectual decive, and that the first may, with the assent of the parties thereto, be vacated and annuled, and that suitable provision may be made in the new decree, with the consent of the said Ellen M. Mechen, in writing, for the sale of her dower interest in the said trust property, (by which the proceeds thereof will be enhanced,) and for a just and adequate compensation to be made to her for such interest either out of the said proceeds, or out of the property itself, as to the court shall seem best for the advantage of all concerned; and the prayer of the said memorial appearing to be reasonable, therefore,

1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chancellor, &c. the chancellor, or Baltimore county court, shall have full power and upon hearing par authority, upon the bill or petition of any person or persons appear- erec, &c. ing to have a legal interest in the said property, or a beneficial interest in the said trust, and after summoning and hearing according to the course of the court, all the other parties to the said deed and trust, the said James P. Boyd to answer and to be heard by a committee to be named by the chancellor, or Baltimore county court, and upon consideration of such evidence as according to the course of the court, may be offered by the said parties, or any or either of them, make such decree and orders for carrying the said trust into execution, as the chancellor or Baltimore county court shall deem right and just; and in case the chancellor or Baltimore county court shall decree a sale of the said trust property, or any part thereof, to vacate and annul at the same time, with the assent of the parties, the decree already made by him in relation to the said property.

2. And be it enacted, That if the said Ellen M'Mechen shall, be- sale of dower inte fore the making of such new decree, file her consent in writing, ac- rat knowledging either in open court or before a justice of the peace for Baltimore county, the same to have been made willingly and freely, without any constraint on the part of her husband, or fear of his displeasure, the chancellor or Baltimore county court, may insert in the said new decree, a provision for the sale of her dower interest in the property decreed to be sold, and may, by a subsequent decree, order or orders, allow to her a just and adequate compensation for such interest either out of the proceeds of the sales, or out of the trust property itself; and if the chancellor or Baltimore county court should determine to compensate the said Ellen out of the said trust property, that then and in that case the chancellor or Baltimore county court be hereby empowered to cause the said trust property to be valued in such manner as the chancellor or Baltimore county court may think fit, and to cause to be set off, and