

riage with Susanna Teas, of Washington county, to any property which she may become entitled to in any way or manner whatever, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and that the said Susanna Teas be and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, all such property, in as full and ample a manner as if she were a *feme sole*, and had never been married, and to hold, use, and enjoy the same, for her own use and benefit, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the molestation, interference, hindrance or consent, of her husband, in the same manner she could or might have done were she a *feme sole*.

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marriage made null and void

CHAP. CXXXI.

An Act, entitled, An act providing for the Valuation of the Real and Personal Property in Charles and Dorchester Counties. Passed Feb 7 1820

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the present commissioners of the tax in and for Charles and Dorchester counties, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to cause the real and personal property in the said counties to be assessed and valued, in the same manner and according to the directions as are prescribed and directed the by act, entitled, An act for the valuation of the real and personal property in the several counties in this state, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twelve.

Property to be assessed and valued

CHAP. CXXXII.

An Act to punish the offence of Kidnapping White Children.

Passed Feb 7 1820

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person, his or her counsellors, aiders or abettors, who shall be duly convicted of kidnapping, and forcibly or fraudulently stealing, taking or carrying away, any white child or children under the age of sixteen years, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not less than five years, nor more than twelve years, there to be treated as the law directs.

Punishment prescribed

CHAP. CXXXIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Wilson Carey Seldon, of the State of Virginia. Passed Feb 5, 1820

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the provisions of the act passed at the present session, entitled, An act for the benefit of Wilson Carey Seldon, of the state of Virginia, be and the same are hereby extended to Wilson Carey Seldon, junior, in as full and ample a manner as if the said Wilson Carey Seldon, junior, had been also named in the said act.

Act extended to Wm. C. Seldon, Jun.

CHAP. CXXXIV.

An Act relating to voting by Proxies in the Banks of this State.

Passed Feb 4, 1820

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any stockholder or stockholders of any bank in this state, who shall reside within ten miles of such bank, respectively to vote by proxy or power of attorney, at any election of directors to be held for any such bank, except females and persons rendered unable to attend by sickness, or bodily infirmity, to be proved by the depositions of such persons respectively, on oath or affirmation, before a notary, judge or justice of the peace, and to accompany and be annexed to their proxies respectively, and that no person shall be entitled to

Stockholders within ten miles of bank not to vote by proxy, except females, &c