

**CHAP. 147.** one twelfth part of all the said lands in quantity and value, to his grand daughter Mary Sophia Bayard, the wife of Richard H. Bayard of Philadelphia, and her heirs, being lot number ten, as designated on the said plot and division; with the small or two acre lot of the corresponding number and designation; one other deed of conveyance by way of lease and release, of and for one twelfth of all the said lands in quantity and value, being lot number four, as designated on the said plot and division, with the small or two acre lot of the corresponding number and designation, to the aforesaid John Eager Howard and William Howard, and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor, in trust for his grand daughter Harriott Carroll, and her heirs, subject to certain charges in the said deed expressed; and one other deed of conveyance by way of lease and release, of and for the remaining twelfth part in quantity and value, of all the said land, being lot number seven, as designated on the said plot and division, with the small or two acre lot of the corresponding number and designation, to the aforesaid John Eager Howard and William Howard, and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor, in trust for his grand daughter Louisa Catharine Carroll, and her heirs, subject to certain charges in the said deed expressed; all which last mentioned deeds of covenant to stand seised, and of release, bear date on the seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, the leases referred to and mentioned in the said deeds of release respectively, being dated on the preceding day; and that by reason of the circumstances aforesaid, great doubts may exist as to the validity of the titles created, or intended to be created by and held under the said nine deeds last aforesaid, which doubts, though capable of becoming very injurious in their consequences to the parties claiming under those deeds respectively, are of such a nature that they cannot be removed, except by an act of the legislature for confirming the said titles; therefore, the memorialists have besought this general assembly to pass an act for confirming and rendering for ever valid the above mentioned deeds of release from Richard Caton, Mary Caton, Robert Patterson, Mary Anne Patterson, John M. Tavish, and Emily M. Tavish, to the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and for revesting in him, and his heirs, all the said undivided third part of the said manor and lands in Frederick county, conveyed as aforesaid by him to the said Mary Caton, and her heirs, subject to the said nine above mentioned deeds from him to sundry of the memorialists, and for confirming and rendering valid, to all intents and purposes, the said nine deeds, and the estates, rights and interests, respectively created, or intended and purporting to be created thereby, free from all manner of claim, right, interest or estate, except such as are created in and by the said deeds respectively; which prayer appearing to be reasonable, Therefore,

Certain deed and indentures declared null and void.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid deed of covenant to stand seised to uses from the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, to the said Richard Caton, bearing date on the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, whereby the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, did covenant with the said Richard Caton,*