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that the said Alexander Anderson, the reputed father of the petitioners, died seized and possessed of a small real and personal estate, after having duly executed his will, by which he devised and bequeathed all his estate, real and personal, to Nancy Humes, and to his reputed children, Ann, and Mary (who is since dead,) Sarah and William, and to his grandson William Hosier Anderson, (who is also since dead.) And whereas it has been represented that the said Alexander Anderson was a foreigner, and had no relations or heirs in this country, except the said petitioners, Ann, Sarah and William, his reputed children, and Mary his reputed daughter, (since dead,) and William Hosier Anderson, his reputed grandson (since dead.) And whereas, It is further represented that by the aforesaid will, the reputed children aforesaid of the said Alexander Anderson, are entitled by law to a life estate only in the real estate of the said testator. And whereas, It is also represented, that it was the manifest will and intention, that his devisees aforesaid should hold and enjoy by his will, a fee simple estate, but owing to a want of knowledge of the law, this estate was not conveyed by his will; and as the said Ann, Sarah and William, a part of the petitioners, are illegitimate, as were likewise Mary, and William Hosier Anderson, (since deceased,) by reason whereof the reversion of the real estate of Alexander Anderson becomes escheatable to the state of Maryland— Therefore,

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the state of Maryland doth hereby relinquish to Nancy Humes, Ann Stocker, Sarah Stocker and William Humes, all its right and title, which it may have in the real estate of Alexander Anderson, late of Talbot county deceased, and doth hereby vest the same in the surviving devisees of the said Alexander Anderson, their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common.

State right relinquished.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case either of the devisees aforesaid shall die intestate and without issue, then and in that case, the estate and interest of such devisee or devisees, so dying intestate, shall remain and pass to the surviving devisee or devisees aforesaid, and to the heirs or devisees of any deceased devisee or devisees, in the same manner as if the said Alexander Anderson had died intestate, leaving the said now surviving devisees his lawful children and heirs; *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall impair or in any manner affect the rights of other persons claiming title to the said real estate.

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Proviso.

CHAPTER 116.

*A supplement to the act entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several counties therein named.*

Passed Feb. 4, 1822.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Richard Graham, John Ireland, Thomas Reynolds, James P. Mackall, Walter Smith, Thomas C. Dare, Isaac Rawlings, John Broome, John T. Bond, be, and they are hereby substituted and appointed commissioners of the school fund for Calvert county, in lieu of the persons appointed by the act to which this is a supplement; which commissioners herein named shall have and exercise all the powers and authorities vested in the commissioners for Calvert county, by the act to which this is a supplement, except that in

Commissioners —vacancies.