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Preamble.

CHAPTER 248.

An act in favor of James Beacham and Sally [Sarah] his wife.

WHEREAS, it appears by the petition of James Beacham and Sarah his wife, of Queen Ann's county, to this general assembly, that by an order of the chancellor of Maryland, a certain Arthur Bryan conveyed to Sarah Floyd and Elizabeth Floyd, a parcel of land called Hemsley's Park, lying and being in the county aforesaid, and that Sarah Floyd intermarried with a certain Wollman Price, who, together with his wife, conveyed to John Barrow their undivided moiety in fee simple; that Elizabeth Floyd intermarried with a certain Henry M'Neal, who in like manner conveyed their undivided moiety to a certain Philemon Lecompte, who sold to John Meloney the father of Sarah one of the petitioners; that the aforesaid John Barrow died intestate, leaving the following children, his heirs at law—Ann, who intermarried with Basil Legg, Mary who intermarried with Solomon Ross, and John Barrow; and that the said Ann, since the death of her father, has departed this life, leaving the following children her heirs at law—Mary, William and Eliza, who are all minors under the age of twenty-one years; that the aforesaid John Melony, by his last will and testament, devised his moiety of said land to his children, to wit: Frances, and Esther who afterwards intermarried with Isaac Aylor, Sarah one of the petitioners, Elizabeth who intermarried with Andrew Beacham, and Aaron; and that said Aylor and Esther his wife conveyed their interest in said land to said James Beacham; the petitioners therefore pray that a law may pass directing a division of the said land to be made so as to lay off the moiety held by the representatives of the said Sarah Floyd separate and distinct from the moiety held by the representatives of the said Elizabeth Floyd—Therefore,

Commissioners—to divide—return.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William E. Meconekin, Thomas W. Hopper, John Neavitt, John Braggs and Peter Foster, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to divide the said parcel of land called Hemsley's Park, lying and being in Queen Ann's county, into two distinct equal parcels having regard to the quantity and quality, and to assign to the representatives of Sarah Floyd one moiety, and to the representatives of Elizabeth Floyd the other moiety; and the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall cause the same to be surveyed and divided as aforesaid, and a plot thereof, with a plain and full certificate of the proceedings thereon had, under their hands and seals, to be made and returned to the judges of Queen Ann's county court, for their rejection or confirmation as they may think proper; and if the same shall be confirmed by the said court, then the said division shall be final and conclusive between the parties as aforesaid; and then the said court shall direct the same to be recorded in the land record books for Queen Ann's county.

Oath.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the commissioners appointed by this act shall proceed in the execution of said commission, they shall take the following oath or affirmation, before some justice of the peace for said county, to wit: "I A. B. do make oath that I will well and faithfully do my duty as a commissioner for dividing a parcel of land called Hemsley's Park, according to the best of my experience and judgment; and it shall be the duty of said