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pass, authorising them jointly to make and execute leases for all or any part of the estate allotted to the said Maria Murray, in the division aforesaid: and this General Assembly believing the facts stated in the said petition to be true, and the prayer of the petitioners appearing reasonable; therefore,

Authorised to lease.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said William H. Murray and Maria Murray, notwithstanding the minority of the said Maria, be, and they are hereby jointly authorised and empowered to make and execute leases for any term or terms of years, renewable or not renewable at their pleasure, with such covenants and upon such conditions as are most usual in similar cases, in the city of Baltimore, for any vacant or unimproved lands or grounds within the limits of the city of Baltimore, which were allotted and assigned to the said Maria, in the division of the estate of her late father, James Sterling, deceased, reserving such rents as may be agreed upon, to be made payable to the said William H. Murray and Maria, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Maria.*

Confirmed.

2. *And be it enacted, That all leases made and executed pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall be as good and available in law as such leases could or would be if the said Maria were of the age of twenty-one years, at the time of executing the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

CHAPTER 195.

An act for the relief of Ann Jeffers, of Queen Ann's county.

Passed Feb. 12, 1823.
Levy §25.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Queen Ann's county, be, and they are hereby authorised and required, at their next levy, and annually thereafter, so long as they may see cause therefor, to levy on the assessable property of said county, the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the use of Ann Jeffers, of said county: which sum shall be collected and paid over to the said Ann Jeffers, or her order, in the same manner as other county charges are collected and paid.

CHAPTER 196.

Passed Feb. 11, 1822.

An act to incorporate a society in the city of Baltimore, by the name of "The second Franklin beneficial society of Maryland, established at Baltimore."

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is the duty of society in general to afford assistance to those of its members who may be incapacitated, by sickness or other casualties, from supporting themselves and their families; *and whereas* William F. Read, William Hall and others, duly considering this obligation and the greater liability of particular persons to become objects of such charity, and more particularly to prevent themselves from experiencing such misfortune, have formed themselves into a society under the name of the "Second Franklin beneficial Society of Maryland established at Baltimore" for the purpose of assisting each other when sickness or other misfortunes may occur to themselves or their families, and have petitioned the General Assembly of Maryland for an act of incorporation; therefore,

Incorporation

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the abovementioned William F. Read, William Hall and others, members of the said society, and all those who, at any time hereafter, "according to the constitution and by-laws of said society," shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby created and made*