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 permitted to go at large in pursuance of this act, such sheriff or gaoler may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence; and unless the plaintiff or plaintiffs on the trial of such issue shall prove the payment or a tender made to the said sheriff or gaoler, of the amount of compensation due to the sheriff in virtue of this act, and of the act to which this is a supplement, for keeping and supporting such prisoner at the time of discharging or permitting him to go at large, the said plaintiff or plaintiffs in such action shall not be entitled to recover.

Passed Feb  
 24, 1823.

CHAPTER 222.

*An act for the benefit of certain persons who naturalized under the laws of this state.*

Rights granted.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons who have heretofore taken the oath prescribed by the act, entitled, An act for naturalization, passed at July session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and the several supplementary acts thereto, and conformed in every other respect with the requisites required by the said acts, shall be deemed, construed and taken to have been, and they hereby are declared to have been, and to be respectively entitled to all and singular the immunities, privileges, rights and advantages of natural born citizens, so far as to enable such persons to acquire right, title and interest in, and to hold, possess and enjoy lands, tenements and real estate, within this state, and to transmit and transfer the same in the same manner as natural born citizens of this state; and all property, real, personal and mixed, acquired and transferred by, from, through, or under the said persons, or any of them, or their, or any of their descendants, shall be held, possessed, enjoyed or transferred, in the like manner as if the said persons had respectively been and were, at the several times of acquiring such property, natural born citizens of this state; and all and every person or persons whatsoever, being citizens of this or some one of the United States, claiming any real estate by, from or under the said persons first herein before described, or their or any of their descendants, by gift, grant, purchase, descent or otherwise, shall hold, possess and enjoy the same, in like manner as if the said persons had respectively been and were, at the several times of acquiring and transferring such real estate, natural born citizens of this state; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with, or affect the rights of any person or persons, acquired before the passage of this act.*

Proviso.

CHAPTER 223.

*An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.*

Passed Feb.  
 24, 1823.  
 Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts of this session, that there is due from this state the sum of forty two thousand two hundred and ten dollars and thirty-three cents.

Payment authorized.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the said journal of accounts, out of any money now in the treasury, or that shall come into the treasury, subject to the appropriation of the General Assembly.*