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SAMUEL STEVENS, JR. ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR:

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and unmarried; and that she may sue for and recover in her own name all rents and profits of the said estate or any part thereof: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to effect or impair any right to the said estate, acquired by the said James P. Boyd, or any other person or persons before the passage of this act.

Passed Dec. 5, 1823.

Preamble.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act for the benefit of the Children of Samuel Colston, of Talbot county.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to the General Assembly of Maryland by the petition of Samuel Colston, of Talbot county, that several years past he intermarried with a certain Rebecca Catrop, of said county, who was seized in fee simple of a parcel of land lying and being in said county, and that the petitioner and the said Rebecca lived together for several years as husband and wife, and that he had several children by the said Rebecca, seven of whom are now living, and two of them only of full age, and that the said Rebecca has not long since departed this life, and that the said petitioner is now tenant by the curtesy of the said land; and the petitioner further represents that a great proportion of the said land is wood land, and that the wood and timber would be rather benefitted than injured by a sale occasionally of such as might be in a state of decay, and the petitioner further represents, that without the aid of the proceeds of the sale of such decayed or decaying wood or timber he is not able in a proper manner to educate his said children—Therefore,

Orphans' court empowered.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the orphans' court of Talbot county be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to enquire into the premises, and to authorize the said Samuel Colston, in their discretion, to cut and sell such quantity of said decayed and decaying wood and timber belonging to the said land as they may deem necessary, and that the proceeds of the sale of such wood or timber be applied to the support and education of the children of the said Samuel Colston.

Colston to account.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Samuel Colston shall account to the said orphans' court in such manner and at such times as the said court shall direct, for the proceeds of sale of such wood or timber as may be made under the authority of this act.

Passed Dec. 8, 1823.

CHAPTER 4.

An act for the benefit of James Burns, of Frederick county.

WHEREAS, James Burns, of Frederick county, emigrated to and settled in this state, and since his emigration and settlement as aforesaid, has acquired real property therein, and his title to such property, from his not having been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question to his great detriment and injury—Therefore,

Right vested.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title to the real property of him, the said James Burns, heretofore intended to be vested in him, his heirs and assigns, by purchase or deed fairly obtained, be, and the same is hereby amply and fully vested in him, the said James Burns and his heirs, in fee simple, to all intents and purposes as if he had been naturalized agreeably to the said laws at the time of the said purchase, and when he received his said deed: *Provided*, always that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim to the said property, or any part thereof acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act: *And provided, also*, that the said

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