

of taxes on the assessable property of the said town, to exceed in the aggregate of the taxes by them imposed during any one year the rate of fifty cents for every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of such property, and that all the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement giving the commissioners of the said town, a power of taxation beyond this limit, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 178.

An act for the relief of Charles Delinotte, of the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, Charles Delinotte, of the City of Baltimore, by his petition to this General Assembly, has represented, that Solomon Etting, being heretofore seized in fee of three lots of ground situate in Baltimore county, and now comprehended within the bounds of the aforesaid city, being parts of a tract called Chatsworth, and distinguished by the numbers 114, 115 and 116, did by indenture, dated the 16th day of November, 1812, for a valuable consideration convey the said lots to a certain John B. Esmenard, who was for many years a resident of this state, and of the city of Baltimore, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns forever; that a certain Joseph Patterson, being in like manner seized of a lot or parcel of ground, situate on M'Clellan's-street, or alley, in the said city of Baltimore, conveyed the same for a valuable consideration to the said John B. Esmenard, his heirs and assigns for ever; that the said John B. Esmenard, by indenture, dated the twentieth day of March, 1819, conveyed or intended to convey to a certain John Milhan, the whole of the grounds and premises aforesaid in fee, and on the twenty second day of the last mentioned month received from the said John Milhan, a lease of all said premises for the term of ninety-nine years renewable forever, at an annual rent of four cents for the whole, or one cent for each parcel of ground aforesaid; that the said John B. Esmenard, had subsequently removed to Pelisanne, in France, and on the 17th day of October last, past, executed a deed or indenture of that date, purporting to be an assignment in trust to said petitioner for all the grounds and premises aforesaid, to sell the same for his the said Esmenard's benefit, all of which said deeds or indentures had been duly executed and acknowledged, and within the time prescribed by law recorded among the land records of Baltimore county; that the petitioner had contracted for a sale of a part of said property upon terms advantageous as he conceived for his constituent, and had actually remitted out of his own funds, to the said Esmenard, a large portion of the money agreed upon as the price of said property; the petitioner also stated that he had been informed by the said Esmenard, that said Esmenard had been duly naturalised a citizen of the United States, which the petitioner believed, and still believes to be the fact, although no record thereof could upon enquiry made by the purchaser from him, be found in any of the courts in Baltimore—the petitioner further stated that a considerable time would necessarily elapse before satisfactory evidence could be obtained of the said Esmenard's naturalization, and that in the mean time the petitioner would be much inconvenienced by the deprivation of his funds which he had so confidently looked to the reimbursement of, from the sale of said property; and moreover that it was seriously apprehended a sale so advantageous might not hereafter be speedily effected, wherefore he prayed that a law might pass making valid the deed of trust so as aforesaid executed by the said John B. Esmenard, to him, in the same manner

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Preamble.