

If, under the existing laws, any relief could be afforded to such cases as the one contemplated by the bill before us, a particular interposition might be considered improper, but we submit whether there is any remedy. We are induced to believe there is none. Under the laws now in force, the property of an infant, held in conjunction with a person of full age, may, under certain circumstances, be sold by the authority of the court of chancery. But no general power is given to dispose of infants property, when they are solely interested. In the present case, infants are alone concerned, and the legislature may properly have reserved to themselves the right of deciding in each individual case, without making any general provision affecting the estates of infants. The general assembly have, in a variety of instances, legislated on those principles, and have passed special laws for the sale of infants lands, when they were satisfied of the propriety of such measures. In the present instance we trust the senate will be of opinion that the interest of the infant heirs is sufficiently protected.

Their mother, their surviving parent, herself applies; the paternal and maternal uncles have also joined in the application, one of whom is the executor of the father of the children. If an application of this kind will not fully satisfy the legislature of Maryland as to the propriety of granting relief similar to that which is required on this occasion, it is presumed no instance can occur where the general assembly will in future interpose and authorise the sale of property in cases not already provided for by the general laws of this state. For these reasons we hope the senate will pass the bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Ennalls, of Dorchester county, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Joseph Ennalls, of Dorchester county, be indulged in the payment of the balance appearing due on his bond, passed to the state for the purchase money of lot No. 1 of the Choptank Indian lands, until the first day of December next, and that after judgments obtained, all further proceedings be stayed against the said Joseph Ennalls, and his securities, on the said bond, until the time aforesaid; provided, that such judgment or judgments shall remain in full force, notwithstanding the stay above granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That Thomas Jackson, of Dorchester county, be indulged in the payment of the balance remaining due on his bond, passed to the state for the purchase money of lot No. 6 of the Choptank Indian lands, until the first day of December next; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the state from bringing suit, and proceeding to judgment, against the said Thomas Jackson, and his securities, on his said bond, but that after judgment obtained, all further proceedings against them be stayed until the time aforesaid.

On the second reading of the bill to confirm a partition made by certain commissioners appointed for the purpose of dividing the several plantations, tracts and parcels of land, situate, lying and being, partly in the counties of New-Castle, in the state of Delaware, and of Kent and Cecil, in the state of Maryland, being the real estate whereof James Black, late of New-Castle county, deceased, died seized as of fee, and other purposes, the question was put, That the said title be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the following be inserted in lieu thereof? An act to confirm the partition made by certain commissioners therein mentioned, and for other purposes? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a bridge across Patapsco river at a place called Hammond's Ferry, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill to authorise the opening of a road in Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, be postponed till the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

R. Neale,	Grahame,	Jones,	Rose,	Goldsborough,	Miller,	Shriver,	Yates,
Thomas,	Gantt,	Chapman,	Dashiell,	Frazier,	Wilson,	Dugan,	T. Davis,
Mercer,	Carcaud,	Ridgely,	Carroll,	Veazey,	Purnell,	Smith,	Simkins.
Dorsey,	Stuart,	Meluy,					27.

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Hopewell,	Holland,	Hyland,	Shaaff,	Clarke,	Lytle,	Zeller,	Linthicum,
Angier,	M'Pherson,	Alexander,	Muir,	Montgomery,	Rich,	Swearingen,	Bayard,
Harwood,	Brown,	Van-Horn,	Sudler,	Forwood,	Dickson,	Veatch,	Tonlinson.
Hall,	Lloyd,	Calvert,	Hawkins,	E. Davis,			29.

So it was determined in the negative.

The said bill having been read a second time, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: