

state, who come within the meaning and purview of the act of assembly passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty,* entitled, an act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, and the said purchasers, in some instances, having paid the whole, and in others, a great part of the purchase money, and are desirous to complete their contract, and to obtain a legal title to their land, and doubts having been entertained whether there exists any competent authority to execute conveyances to the said purchasers; for remedy whereof,

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases in which any citizen of this or of any of the United States shall have purchased any land lying within this state, the legal title to which is now outstanding in a British subject, or vested by law in this state, or who now has a fair and equitable claim to any such land which had been so purchased, it shall and may be lawful, upon a bill being filed in the court of chancery, either by the claimant of such land, or the party who claims to be paid the purchase money for the land so sold, and upon making the attorney-general a party, for the chancellor to proceed according to the established principles of equity and the rules of the court of chancery, to hear and determine the equity between the parties, and the chancellor shall thereupon proceed to decree to the parties legally entitled thereto, the money still remaining due for the purchase of the said land, in case any shall be due, and to decree a conveyance of the said land, and in case none of the said money shall be due, or in case the party shall comply with the decree of the court, by paying the money decreed, that then and in such case the chancellor shall, in the name of the state of Maryland, convey to the said party or parties having a legal claim to the said land, all the right and estate which is vested in any British subject, or in the state of Maryland by virtue of the several acts of assembly of this state.

Chancellor may agree respecting lands, the legal title to which is in a British subject, or in the state, &c. and convey to the party having a legal claim.

See 1802, ch. 100, sec. 11, ante page 470.

CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting Elections, and to regulate said Elections.

Other laws are 1811, ch. 204; 1819, ch. 174; 1823, ch. 213; 1828, ch. 160.

WHEREAS by the constitution of this state it is provided, that every free white male citizen of this state, and no other, having resided twelve months in the county next preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and every free white male citizen of this state above twenty-one years of age, and having

Preamble.