

30. The illegitimate child or children of any female, and the issue of any such illegitimate child or children, shall be able and capable in law to take and inherit both real and personal estate from their mother, or from each other, or from the descendants of each other as the case may be, in like manner as if born in wedlock.

31. Any child or children of the intestate, or their issue, having received from the intestate any real estate by way of advancement, may elect to come into partition with the other parceners on bringing such advancement, or the value thereof at the time such advancement was received, into hotchpot with the estate descended, but such child or children, or their issue, shall not be entitled to claim a share by descent, without bringing such advancement, or the value thereof as aforesaid, into the common stock or hotchpot, if there be another child or children unprovided for.

DIVISION AND ELECTION.

32. If the parties entitled to the intestate's estate cannot agree upon the division thereof, or if any person entitled to any part be a minor, an application may be made to the Circuit Court of the county where the estate lies, or if the land lies in different counties, to the Circuit Court of the county where the greater part of the land lies, or if the land lies in the city of Baltimore, then to the Superior Court or Circuit Court for said city, and the court shall appoint and issue a commission to five discreet, sensible men, to be commissioners, authorizing and empowering them, or a majority of them, to proceed in the premises according to the directions of this article, and in all respects conform to and comply with the provisions hereof, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, before they proceed to act, shall severally take an oath (to be annexed to the said commission) before some justice of the peace of the county or city, or other person authorized to administer an oath, well and faithfully to perform the duties required of them by the commission, and all duties assigned to them under this article, and that they will proceed in the execution and completion of the said commission, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and according to the best of their judgment and understanding.

33. Whenever a majority of the commissioners to be appointed in virtue of this article shall qualify, they may proceed in the