

tor Samuel De Butts, and to his nephew, John De Butts Armstrong, of the kingdom of Ireland, and therefore prays an act may pass to naturalize them, which this general assembly think proper to grant ;

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II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the said Samuel De Butts and John De Butts Armstrong be, and are hereby enabled to take, have and hold, any lands or hereditaments which shall or may be devised to them by the said John De Butts, in the same manner as if they were actually citizens of this state ; provided, that they shall respectively come and reside in this state, and, in the chancery court, general court, or county court of Saint Mary's county, take and subscribe the oath of allegiance to this state, or such other oath or declaration as shall be then necessary for aliens to take and subscribe for, naturalization in this state, within six months after they shall respectively arrive in this state.

S. De Butts,
&c. enabled
to hold land,
&c.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to invest Sarah Marshall with power to convey the land therein mentioned. Passed May 15.

WHEREAS William Gibbons, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that Aaron Tilghman, of Somerset county, deceased, died seized of several small tracts of land, adjoining to each other, and, by his last will and testament, did direct, that all his lands should be sold for the payment of his debts, and the surplus of the money arising from the sales, to be equally divided among his nephews and nieces, and did appoint Isaac Marshall and David Adams, joint executors of his will ; that David Adams having died, Isaac Marshall had obtained, by petition preferred to the general assembly at the November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, a law to pass, empowering him to sell several tracts or parcels of land therein mentioned, supposed at that time to include all the lands of which the said Tilghman was seized ; that the said Marshall, at the time of sale, offered the whole, according to the expectation of the bidders, for sale, and the said Gibbons, when he bought, believed he had purchased the whole, but that it since appears one small tract or parcel of land, called Hopewell, was omitted to be inserted in the act authorizing the sale, which must greatly injure the petitioner, unless prevented by the legislature, and therefore he prays that a new law may pass to empower Sarah Marshall, administratrix of said Isaac Marshall, to convey to him the said land ; all which appearing reasonable,

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II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That Sarah Marshall, administratrix of Isaac Marshall, deceased, shall, and she is hereby authorized and empowered, to convey and make over to William Gibbons, of Somerset county, a fee-simple right to all that tract of land called Hopewell, of which Aaron Tilghman, deceased, died seized, which conveyance so made, shall be good and available in law to all intents and purposes.

S. Marshal' to
convey land,
&c.

III. *And,* in case of the death of the said Sarah Marshall, before the execution of the above conveyance, *Be it enacted,* That the powers hereby vested in her to make the above conveyance, shall descend to her executor or administrator, as the case may be ; and any conveyance executed by such executor or administrator in the premises, shall be as valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been executed by the said Sarah Marshall.

Powers shall
descend, &c.

C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the relief of William Marsh Catrup, late collector of the taxes for Talbot county. Passed May 15.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that William Marsh Catrup was collector of the January tax for Talbot county, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and also collector of the taxes of the said county in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-two and seventeen hundred

Preamble.