

from the fact that the share of each child must necessarily consist of several and distant allotments and in different States; that the existing laws of the States of Maryland and Delaware respectively, furnish to the petitioners no authority for assigning the said dower, and making partition of the said residue among the said three children, in any other way than by assigning the dower, and dividing the residue into the whole number of parts in each of said States; that by reason of the infancy of the said George H. Raymond, it will be some time before he will be capable of joining in any arrangement for partition by deed, and that the interest and estates of said children respectively, would be greatly spoiled by being so cut up and subdivided; and the petitioners further represented that the Legislature of the State of Delaware, have passed an act for their relief in the premises, and praying this General Assembly may pass such concurrent act, as taken together with the said act of the Legislature of Delaware, will authorise the making the whole of said lands, tenements and hereditaments, the subject of a single assignment of dower and partition as aforesaid, and by said act, may among other things, name commissioners in the State of Maryland, to act together with commissioners already appointed in the State of Delaware, to make and complete said assignment of dower and partition, in such manner as said commissioners shall judge will best promote the interests of the said partitioners, doing equal justice to them all, and this General Assembly considering it reasonable and expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John E. Cacy and William F. Smyth, of Kent county, in the State of Maryland, with James D. Wilds, John Mustard and William Collins, of Kent county in the State of Delaware, are hereby appointed commissioners, and authorised, empowered and required, to go to the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, of which the said Jacob Raymond, deceased, died seized as aforesaid, as well as those situated in the State of Maryland as those situated in the State of Delaware, and with the assistance of a skilful surveyor by them to be nominated and appointed, lay off and allot to the said Eliza B. Raymond, widow of the said Jacob Raymond, one equal third part of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, regard being had to quality as well as quantity, to have and to hold to the said Eliza B. Raymond, and for her use, for and during the term of her natural life, and no longer, as her dower therein, and the said commissioners

Commissioners appointed.