

*An act for the relief of George H. Stewart, Administrator de bonis non of Caleb Batson, late of Calvert County, deceased.*

Passed Feb  
25, 1842.

WHEREAS, Caleb Batson, a free man of color, late of Calvert county, deceased, purchased in his life time, to wit: in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-one, from General Philip Stewart, late of Charles county, deceased, a colored woman named Letty and her six children, Martha, Adaline, Daniel, Caleb, Duke and William, being his wife and children; and the said woman Letty, after the said purchase, had the following four children, Brice, Granville, Thomas and Galen, also the children of the said Caleb Batson, and one of which children, to wit: Martha died in eighteen hundred and thirty-two, leaving four sons, Jim, John, Henry, George Washington and Lloyd, all of which negroes are now alive, except the said Martha; *and whereas*, the said Caleb Batson died in eighteen hundred and thirty-two suddenly, without manumitting his said wife, children and grandchildren, but intended so to do, as is evidenced by a letter written by him on his death bed; *and whereas*, William Stewart, late of Anne Arundel county, being a creditor of said Caleb Batson, took out letters of administration on his estate, from the orphans court of Calvert county, and assumed to act as administrator, and caused all the aforesaid negroes, except Martha, to be appraised, and the inventory of appraisement to be returned to the said orphans court as part of said intestate's personal estate; and the said William Stewart, administrator as aforesaid, having paid all the debts due by intestate, except the one due to himself, died in eighteen hundred and thirty-eight without settling any account of said administration; *and whereas*, after the death of said William Stewart, his Executor, George H. Stewart, took out from said orphans court, letters of administration de bonis non, on said Caleb Batson's personal estate, and assumed to act in that capacity, and caused said negroes, except said Martha, to be appraised, and inventory of appraisement to be returned to said orphans court, and hath stated and settled an administration account, by which it appears that the only assets now remaining in the hands of said administrator de bonis non, are the aforementioned negroes, and that the only remaining debt is a balance due to him as executor of William Stewart, the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and one cent, for over payments, and

Preamble.