

C H A P.
XLVIII.

that unless the said James Griffin shall continue to proceed, according to law, to become a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property acquired as aforesaid, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act; but if the said James Griffin shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he might become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any persons residing within the United States, capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. XLIX.

Passed 20th of
January, 1808.

An ACT for the benefit of John Burgoin, of Cæcil county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of John Burgoin, that his father, James Burgoin, deceased, being a native of Ireland, and having purchased, and being in possession of, at his death, three lots or parcels of land in Cæcil county, in the village of North-East, and by his last will and testament did will and bequeath the aforesaid property to his son John Burgoin, and the title of James Burgoin to the aforesaid property may be called in question, to the great injury of his son John Burgoin, from his not having become naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States before acquiring such real property; therefore,

Title vested,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the real property lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid James Burgoin, and willed and bequeathed to his son John Burgoin, whether such title be derived by gift, grant or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply vested in his son John Burgoin, as if the said James Burgoin had become naturalized, agreeable to the laws of the United States, before acquiring such real property; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner or way to affect or defeat any sale or sales made to any person or persons by James Burgoin, late of Cæcil county aforesaid, and father of John Burgoin, the petitioner, of any part of his estate in his life-time, nor any legal proceedings had or done respecting the lands and premises aforesaid, before the passage of this act; and provided further, that nothing in said act contained shall take from, or in any manner deprive, Catherine Lemmon, widow of James Burgoin aforesaid, to her right of dower in said estate for and during her natural life; and moreover, before the said John Burgoin can be benefitted by this act, he must be naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States.

C H A P. L.

Passed 20th of
January, 1808.

An ACT to provide for transcribing and recording certain records and papers in the register's office of Kent county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that certain records and papers appertaining to the estates of deceased persons require transcribing and recording in the register's office of Kent county, and that said records and papers are liable to be damaged and lost; therefore,

Records to be
transcribed,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the orphans court of Kent county, and they are hereby empowered and required, to cause to be transcribed and recorded, by the register of wills of said county, in good leather bound books, to which fair and regular alphabets shall be prefixed, such records, and all such papers filed, in the office of the register of wills of said county, as they, or a majority of them, in their judgment, may deem necessary and proper to be transcribed and recorded.

Register's fees

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said register shall receive the same fees for his said services as he is by law entitled to for services of a similar nature.

To be levied on
the county,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Kent county shall levy, on the assessable property of said county, such sum of money as the fees for transcribing and recording the said records and other papers may amount to, to be collected and paid over by the collector of said county to the register aforesaid.

Duration.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and twelve, and no longer.