

fer great inconvenience from the running at large of swine and geese in said town; Therefore, CHAP. 36.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the owner or owners of any swine or geese that may be found going at large in the said Middle Town, in Frederick county, from and after the first day of March next, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of one dollar, and costs of prosecution, recoverable before any justice of the peace for said county as in cases of small debts, in the name of the person informing, to be applied, the one half to the use of such person, and the other half to the trustees of the public school in Middle Town, for the education of poor children.* Penalty for suffering them to run at large

CHAP. XXXVII.

An Act for the Relief of John Snider, of Frederick County.

Passed Jan 9, 1820

WHEREAS John Snider, of Frederick county, has emigrated to and settled in this state, and hath made a declaration as prescribed by law preparatory to his becoming naturalized at the expiration of the limited period of residence; and the said John Snider, since his emigration and settlement as aforesaid, has acquired real property therein, and his title to such property, from his not having become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question to his great detriment and injury; Therefore,

Preamble

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the real property lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid John Snider, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the said John Snider, as if the said John Snider had become naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States before the acquiring of such real property; Provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatsoever, before the passage of this act; And provided also, that unless the said John Snider shall proceed according to law to make himself a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to take, hold or acquire, real property as above mentioned, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit by this act, but if the said John Snider shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States he may become a citizen thereof, nothing in this act or any law contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring, by descent or devise, any real property to any person residing within and being a citizen of the United States, who may be capable in law to take and hold the same.*

Title to property vested in him

Proviso

CHAP. XXXVIII.

A Further Supplement to the act, entitled, An Act for the Distribution of a certain Fund for the purpose of Establishing Free Schools in the several Counties therein named.

Passed Jan 9, 1821.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Tobias E. Stansbury, John B. Howard, George Harryman, Thomas Hillen, Peter Little, Elias Brown, Thomas Johnson, John Crooks, Henry Ebaugh, George Matthias, John Merryman of*

Commissioners appointed for Baltimore county, &c.