

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the real property, lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid John Figg, 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 Figg, as if the said John Figg had become naturalized, agreeable to the laws of the United States, before the acquiring 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 whatever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that if the said John Figg has not heretofore been naturalized agreeable to the laws of the United States, he shall, on or before the first day of July next, proceed, according to law, to make himself a citizen of the United States, otherwise this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned.

C H A P.
VIII.
Title vested,
&c.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to provide for recording certain papers in the register's office of Saint-Mary's county.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that a number of wills, and other papers appertaining to the estates of deceased persons, remain unrecorded in the register's office of Saint-Mary's county, and that said wills are liable to be damaged or lost; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county, and they are hereby empowered and required, to cause to be recorded by the register of wills of said county, in good leather bound books, to which fair and regular alphabets shall be prefixed, all such papers filed in the office of the register of wills of said county, and which have not been recorded, as they, or a majority of them, in their judgment, may deem necessary and proper to be recorded.

Papers to be
recorded, &c.

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.

Register's fees.

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

Money to be
levied, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of March, eighteen hundred and nine.

Duration.

C H A P. X.

An ACT authorising James Cooke, late sheriff and collector of Saint-Mary's county, to complete his collection.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1806.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Cooke, late sheriff and collector of Saint-Mary's county, that from various causes therein set forth he has not been able to complete his collection within the time limited by law, and that there is still due to him, as sheriff and collector of said county, considerable sums of money, and praying a law may pass to enable him to collect the same; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said James Cooke be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to collect, until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eight, all balances due him as sheriff and collector of Saint-Mary's county for the year eighteen hundred and six, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Cooke may
collect, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said James Cooke, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes or public dues in virtue of this act, to deliver to such person or persons chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes or public dues demanded of him or them, with an affidavit annexed, if required, that he hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of his knowledge.

To deliver an
account, &c.