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Preamble

An act for the benefit of Henry Christ of Washington County:
WHEREAS, Henry Christ of Washington county, emigrated to the state of Maryland, and since his emigration and settlement has acquired real property therein; and his title to such property, from his not being naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, may be called in question to his great detriment and injury; Therefore,

Title vested.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the title to the real property of him the said Henry Christ, heretofore intended to be vested in him the said Henry Christ, his heirs and assigns, by purchase or deed, fairly obtained, be and the same is hereby amply and fully vested in the said Henry Christ, and his heirs, in fee simple, to all intents and purposes, in the same manner that it would have been if the said Henry Christ had been fully naturalized agreeably to the said laws at the time of the said purchase, and when he received the said deed; *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 the said Henry Christ shall, within twelve months after he is capable of becoming a citizen, naturalize himself agreeably to the laws of the United States; but if the said Henry Christ should die before he becomes naturalized, nothing in this proviso shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of the United States, and residing therein, capable in law to hold the same.

Provisos.

CHAPTER 220.

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An act to authorise Mary Ann Nelms, Natural Guardian of George Nelms, and Ann Eliza Nelms, to convey the Property therein mentioned.

Authorised to convey property.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Mary Ann Nelms, the mother and natural guardian of George Nelms and Ann Eliza Nelms, of the city of Baltimore, infant children of Noah Nelms, late of said city, is hereby authorised and empowered, to convey and assign, by one or more good and sufficient deeds, to the Bellona Gunpowder Company of Maryland, of which corporation the said children are members, all the estate, right, title and interest, of the said George Nelms and Ann Eliza Nelms, of, in and unto, all and singular the lands, tenements and property, at present held by them jointly or in company with the several other persons constituting said company, either before or since the incorporation of said company, as fully as the said George Nelms or Ann Eliza Nelms themselves could do were they of full age.

CHAPTER 221.

Passed Feb 14

An act for the relief of the Heirs of Lawrence Oneale of Montgomery County.

Deed to be executed.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Fletchall, Honore Martin, and Solomon Davis, of Mont-