

authorised and empowered to carry the said ordinances into full and complete effect. CHAP. 154.

CHAP. CLV.

An Act to alter and change the Name of George Charles Townes, to that of George Charles Thompson. Passed Feb 13 1821

WHEREAS George Charles Townes, of the city of Baltimore, has petitioned this general assembly that an act may pass to change his name to that of George Charles Thompson; to enable him to become the adopted child and heir at law of Thomas Thompson of the city of Baltimore, sea captain; and it being reasonable that the prayer of the said petition shall be granted; Therefore, Preamble

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said George Charles Townes to take upon himself the name and surname of George Charles Thompson, instead of his present name, and also for the descendants of the said George Charles Townes to take upon themselves the surname of Thompson, and the name of the said George Charles Townes shall be and is hereby changed and altered into the name of George Charles Thompson, and the said George Charles Thompson, and the heirs of his body, shall at all times be called by, and hold and use the surname of Thompson only. Name changed

2. *And be it enacted,* That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds, and lawful acts, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, by or to the said George C. Townes, by the name of Thompson, shall be of the same force and effect, and be equally valid to all intents and purposes, as if the name and surname of George C. Thompson had been the true and proper name and surname of the said Townes from his birth, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Contracts, &c. to be valid, &c.

CHAP. CLVI.

An Act to change the Names of James Woodard and Harriet Woodard, of Anne-Arundel County, to that of James Clagett and Harriet Clagett. Passed Feb 18 1821

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the names of James Woodard and Harriet Woodard, of Anne-Arundel county, be and hereby are changed and altered unto the names of James Clagett and Harriet Clagett, and it shall and may be lawful for the said James Woodard and Harriet Woodard, at all times hereafter, to be called and known by, and hold and use the names of James Clagett and Harriet Clagett, and by the said names to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity, and it shall and may be lawful for the issue of the said James Woodard to take upon themselves, and each of them, the surname of Clagett instead of the surname Woodard, and the surnames of the said James Woodard and Harriet Woodard are hereby changed and altered to the surnames of Clagett. Names changed

2. *And be it enacted,* That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts whatsoever, heretofore made or done, or hereafter to be made or done, by or to the said James Woodard and Harriet Woodard, by the names of James Clagett and Harriet Clagett, or hereafter to be made or done by or to the Contracts, &c. made valid, &c.