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L A W S o f M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. XIII.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

An ACT to prevent the going at large of swine and poultry in the town of New-Market, in Frederick county.

Swine, &c. not to go at large, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, no swine or poultry belonging to the inhabitants of said town shall be suffered to go at large in the town of New-Market, in Frederick county; and if any person shall find any swine or poultry going at large in the town of New-Market aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such person to kill, or cause to be killed, such swine or poultry.

General issue pleadable.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall be sued for killing any swine or poultry going at large in the town of New-Market aforesaid, such person may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.

C H A P. XIV.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

Preamble.

An ACT for the relief of Robert Elliott, of Talbot county.

WHEREAS Robert Elliott, of Talbot county, having emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since his emigration and settlement in this state has acquired real property therein, and his title to such property, from his not having become naturalized before such property was acquired by him, may be called in question, to his great injury and detriment: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the said Robert Elliott is now a naturalized citizen of the United States; therefore,

Title vested, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title to all the real property, lawfully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid Robert Elliott, whether such title be derived by grant, gift, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in Robert Elliott aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as if he had been naturalized before his title to such real property had been acquired; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act.

C H A P. XV.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

Preamble.

An ACT for the benefit of Richard Rofs and William Rofs, of Prince-George's county.

WHEREAS Richard Rofs and William Rofs, late of the kingdom of Ireland, now of Prince-George's county, some years past came into this state, with a bona fide intention of residing therein, and have since acquired considerable real estates: And whereas the said Richard Rofs and William Rofs took the oaths of naturalization prescribed by the act of the congress of the United States of America, passed at the second session of the third congress, begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday the third day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, and a supplement thereto, passed at the fifth congress of the said United States, begun and held as aforesaid, on Monday the thirteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act supplementary to, and amend. the act, entitled, An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject, in order to become a citizen of this state, and of the United States, and doubts have arisen whether the purchases and contracts of and for real estates, made and executed to the said Richard Rofs and William Rofs respectively, previous to their said naturalization agreeably to the said acts of congress, are good and valid; therefore,

Conveyances, &c. to have effect, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all conveyances, purchases and contracts, touching or concerning real estates lying in the state of Maryland, made, executed or entered into, by or to the said Richard Rofs and William Rofs respectively, since their coming into this state, shall have the same effect, operation and validity, as if the said Richard Rofs and William Rofs respectively had been naturalized at the time the same were executed or entered into; provided, that nothing in this act contained shall affect the rights of third persons accruing before the passage of this act.