

Capo

23 Dec 1810

Whereas Clothworthy Birnie of Frederick County, has emigrated to, and settled in, this State with his family, that he made a declaration, as prescribed by Law, preparatory to his becoming naturalized at the expiration of the limited period of residence, and the said Birnie is desirous of acquiring & holding real Property, & may possibly have such Estate devised to him before he can naturalize agreeably to Law; therefore,

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the said Clothworthy Birnie may lawfully & fully take, hold or acquire, any real property within this State, whether the title to such real Estate be devised by grant, gift, purchase or devise, as amply & fully as if his title or claim to the said property had been acquired after he shall have become naturalized; provided, that unless the said Clothworthy Birnie shall proceed according to Law to make himself a citizen of the United States, this Act shall have no effect, hold or acquire real property as above mentioned, nor shall he, nor any person claiming under him, derive any benefit by this Act, but if the said Clothworthy Birnie shall die before the time when, by the Laws of the United States, he may become a citizen, nothing in this Act, or any Law contained, shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring, by descent or devise, any real property he may have acquired as aforesaid; to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who are hereby declared capable in Law to take & hold the same, or to any other person being a citizen of the United States, & capable in Law of taking and holding the same