reverse their own solemn decision or to give a Judgment contrary to the laws of the land and their oath of office the said decision was pursuant to the said agreement entered reversed by consent" And at November Term 1807 of the County Court the said cause was entered "agreed" that while the application to the Legislature was pending the said John Gabriel and William Heister executed a deed conveying to Roger B. Taney and Relie Beatty in trust as by the said deed exhibited by the complainants appears: That the said deed was at the time of its execution delivered as an escrow to be returned in case the Legislature should refuse to pass the said law: That the said Upton Lawrence died in the month of March 1824 and as soon thereafter as this defendant conveniently could and before the exhibition of the Bill of the complainants in this suit she placed all her papers and muniments of title to the said lands in the hands of her counsel learned in the law with the view to the institution of such legal proceedings as he might deem proper for the recovery of her said inheritance: But owing to circumstances over which this defendant had no controul the said proceeding were not commenced before the exhibition of the Bill of Complainants by which means she has been brought before your Honour as a defendant instead of a complainant as she intended: This defendant is advised that she hath title to the said lands as heir at law of her father Jonathan Hager the younger: That the secret conveyances from her said father were obtained from him by the said Daniel Heister by fraud and practice and that the act of Assembly passed at November Session 1781 was inoperative and void and that the means used by the said Daniel Heister to prevent a repeal of the same were deceptive and fraudulent or if it should appear to your Honour that the said act of 1781 was valid so far as to vest as against the said Jonathan Hager, Junior the said fourteen hundred acres and five lots in the said Daniel for life and in the said Rosanna in fee simple then that this defendant hath title to the said lands as heir at law of the said Rosanna Heister: That this defendant is not in possession of any part of the said fourteen hundred acres of land That claiming title to the same in her own right she hath not received any part of the rents and profits from persons claiming under the said Upton Lawrence or any other person or persons That this defendant doth not know of any persons holding any part or parts of said land which the land records of Washington County do not show - and the complainants having the same access to them which this defendant has, begs leave to refer the complainants for more particular information to the said records: And this defendant denies all and all manner of unlawful combination and confederacy whereunto she is by the said Bill charged without there is any other matter cause or thing in the complainants said bill of complaint contained material or necessary for this defendant to make answer unto and not herein and hereby well and sufficiently answered or denied is true to the knowledge or belief of the defendant: All which matters and things this defendant is ready and willing to aver maintain and prove as this Honourable Court

shall direct and hereby prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs and charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained.

Wm. Price Soln for Eq. Lawrence.

State of Maryland Washington County to wit. on this 26th day of May 1828 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Washington County appeared Elizabeth Lawrence the defendant within named and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the facts matters and circumstances set forth in the within answer which are of the knowledge of this defendant are true and that the facts matters and circumstances therein set forth as derived from hearing or otherwise from the information of others are true to the best of her knowledge and belief - Sworn before.

S. Herbert.

Exhibit E. L. No. A.

An Act for Repealing an act entitled an act for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heister the younger and an estate in fee simple in Rosanna his wife in fourteen hundred acres of land lying in Washington County and in five lots of land lying in Elizabeth Town in the said County and for annulling and making void all estates rights and titles derived under the said act:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that an act entitled an act for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heister the younger and an estate in fee simple in Rosanna his wife in fourteen hundred acres of land lying in Washington County and in five lots of land lying in Elizabeth Town in the said County made and passed at November Session in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one be and is hereby repealed and that all estates rights and titles given vested or derived under the said act be and they are hereby declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes as fully and effectually as if the said act had not been made any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided that nothing in this act contained shall affect any bonafide purchaser under the said Daniel Heister and Rosanna his wife where a full and valuable consideration has been given by such purchaser.

Indorsements - By the House of Delegates Dec. 15th 1788 Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, Wm. Harwood clk.

By the House of Delegates Dec. 16th 1788, Read the second time and will pass.

By order, Wm. Harwood clk.

By the Senate Dec. 16th 1788 - Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, J. Dorsey clk.

By the Senate Dec. 23d 1788 - Read the second time and will not pass.

By order, J. Dorsey clk.

True copy from the original.

Jan. 5th 1808. Jno. Brewer clk H. Del.

Exhibit E. L. No. B.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland: The