

the state of Maryland, at the last session, and report to the Legislature the several amounts which he may find justly due.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 51.

A N A C T

Relative to suits in Dower and Partition.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all the courts of this Commonwealth now having jurisdiction in matters of partition, shall have power to entertain suits and proceedings, whether at law or in equity or otherwise, for the partition of real estate, or the recovery of dower or the widow's third or other part, although the lands to be divided or recovered may lie in one or more counties of this Commonwealth: *Provided,* That such proceeding intended to embrace lands in more than one county, shall be brought only in the county where a decedent, whose land is to be divided, had his domicile, or where the homestead, or larger part of the estate in value shall be situated, and service of process may be made by any sheriff where real estate, to be divided, shall be situated, or any defendant may be found; and exemplifications of the record may be filed in every county where such real estate shall be situated, in such court thereof as shall correspond in character of that of the court in which such proceeding may have taken place, and be received in evidence, with the like effect, as the records of the court where filed, except that any exemplification of the proceedings in the Supreme Court shall be filed in the district court, or court of common pleas of the proper county.

SECTION 2. All proceedings heretofore duly had and adjudicated, making partition of real estate lying in more counties than one, are hereby confirmed in manner, as if this act had been in force.

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