

## CHAPTER 317.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act relating to Free Negroes and Slaves, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three.

See notes to the preceding law, and to 1796, ch. 67, ante page 334.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the introduction of slaves into this state, except in a few specified cases, has been and ought to be prohibited; *And whereas*, a wise and consistent policy demands that special acts of legislation, on that subject, should be avoided, and that all cases of hardship, justly entitled to relief, be embraced under some general principles in a single law; therefore,

Not construed to prohibit slaves hired out, &c. from returning.

Proviso.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That nothing in any former act shall be construed to prohibit any person from again bringing into this state any slave, for life, who shall have been or may hereafter be taken from this state and hired or lent to service in any adjoining state or district for a limited time; *Provided*, that no such slave shall be introduced into this state by any person, other than an actual inhabitant of this state, who shall also be the owner of such slave, both at the time of hiring or lending aforesaid and of bringing back the said slave; or, in case of the death of the original owner, by his heirs, executors, administrators, or legatees.

Persons having previously purchased land &c. to reside thereon

May introduce slaves then owned.

Proviso.  
Lists recorded.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for any person or persons, who may have, previously to the passage of this act, purchased land in this state, with the bona fide intention of residing thereon, or acquired by inheritance or otherwise, real estate, in this state, and intending to reside thereon, to introduce into the state, any slave owned by them, at the passage of the act to which this is a supplement; *Provided*, a list of said slaves, specifying their ages, names, and sex, be left for record with the clerk of the county court of the county into which they are so removed, within thirty days thereafter, together with the affidavit of the owner or owners, that the conditions required by this section have been truly complied with, and that they are not introduced for sale, and are slaves for life.

Persons residing in the District of Columbia, &c. and holding real estate in Maryland may bring to said estate slaves.

Removing for a limited period to the District.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for any person or persons, residing in that part of the District of Columbia, ceded by the state of Maryland, to the United States, and holding real estate in Maryland, to bring from their residence, in the said part of the District, to their estate in Maryland, any slave or slaves and their increase, being slaves for life, which belonged to the said person or persons, and which said slaves resided either in that part of the District aforesaid, or in Maryland, antecedent to the passage of this act; and that it shall be lawful for any resident of Maryland who has removed, or may hereafter remove to the District for a limited period, to carry with him, her