

AN ACT to encourage the emigration of the Free People of Colour of this State.—1839, ch. 29.

Coloured persons visiting Trinidad or Guiana to be permitted to return.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for any free coloured male or female of this state, who may visit the island of Trinidad or British Guiana, with a view of ascertaining whether said places, or either of them, are suitable for the emigration and settlement of themselves or other free persons of colour, to return to this state, and reside therein, in the same manner as though he or she had never been absent from the same; *Provided,* said coloured persons do not remain out of the state more than eighteen months; *And provided also,* said negro or mulatto shall first satisfy the orphans court of the county where he or she shall reside, that said free person of colour is visiting the said places for the purpose aforesaid.

Proviso.

Orphans court to grant them a license.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the orphans court upon being satisfied that such free persons of colour intend visiting the places aforesaid, for the object aforesaid, to issue a license to said person of colour, under the seal of said court, granting the permission therein allowed, and it shall also be the duty of said court to cause a record of such license to be kept, and to make an annual return thereof to the legislature.

And to judge their case if detained.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if such free coloured person shall be detained more than eighteen months by any sufficient or unavoidable cause, and the said orphans court shall be satisfied of that fact, then it shall be lawful for said free coloured person to return and settle in this state, and the said orphans court shall grant to said person a license to that effect.

AN ACT to revive and continue such Acts of the General Assembly as expired with the session of the last General Assembly, and such as would expire with the present session thereof.—1839, ch. 49.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, no act of the general assembly of this state passed at its last session, continuing such acts as from the limitation thereof did expire with the last session; therefore,

Acts to be continued in force.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That such acts as expired with the session of the last general assembly, except such parts as shall have been repealed, be, and the same are hereby revived, re-enacted and declared to be in full force until the end of the next general assembly, and in the same manner with the same legal effect and operation in law, as if such acts had been continued at the last session of the general assembly until the end of the session of the general assembly of this state.

To be construed as if continued

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all acts and doings under colour of such acts so expiring, shall receive the like construc-