

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall not take effect unless the legislature of Pennsylvania shall pass or shall have passed a law declaring that in consideration of the act of the legislature of Maryland, incorporating said canal company, the river Susquehanna, from Columbia to the Maryland line, shall forever hereafter be a highway, and that individuals or bodies corporate may at all times remove obstructions therein.

1812.

When this act shall take effect.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the governor of this State, to send a copy of this law to the President of the United States, with a request that he lay the same before Congress, and a copy to the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and also a copy to the governor of the State of Delaware, with a request that they will lay the same before their respective legislatures.

Copies of this law to be sent to the President &c.

CHAPTER 85.

*An act for the relief of Samuel Kerr, of Kent county.*

Passed Dec. 18, 1812.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of Samuel Kerr, of Kent county, that he is the absolute owner of two negroe slaves, Michael and Rachel, who now reside in the State of Delaware, and that he has resided more than one year within this State, and is consequently debarred by the existing laws of Maryland from moving the said negroes Michael and Rachel into this State: *Therefore,*

Preamble.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the general Assembly of Maryland, That the said Samuel Kerr be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to remove, import and bring into this State at any time within one year after the passage of this act, the said slaves Michael and Rachel, as he may now have a bona fide absolute right unto, and which slaves or the mother of which slaves shall have been residents of the State of Delaware three whole years next preceding such removal or importation, and the same to retain as slaves.

He may remove said slaves into this state.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Samuel Kerr to sell or dispose of the slaves imported by virtue of this act, until the said slaves shall have resided within this State three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for bona fide debts or consequent upon intestacy.

Slaves shall not be sold under 3 years residence except in certain cases.