

An Act to ascertain and declare the condition
of such issue as may hereafter be born of negro or mulatto
female slaves during their servitude for years and
for other purposes therein mentioned

Whereas by the laws of this state slaves
may be liberated from servitude either by last
will and testament, or by deed of manumission.

And whereas in virtue of the same, negro or mulatto
female slaves may hereafter be declared free after
certain years of service, or at some specified age, or
upon the performance of some condition. And
whereas during such years of service or before the
age specified for liberation or before the performance
of the condition may arrive, issue of their body may be
born, And whereas the state and condition of
such issue seems not be settled with sufficient
legal precision Therefore

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that from and after the first day of February eighteen hundred and ten, if any negro or mulatto female slave by testament or last will, or deed of manumission shall be declared to be free after any given period of service, or at any ~~time~~ stipulated age or upon the performance of any condition or on the event of any contingency it shall be lawful for the person making such last will and testament or ~~executing~~ executing such deed of manumission to fix and determine in the same the state and condition of the issue that may be born of such negro or mulatto female slave during their period of service.

And be it enacted, that if any person after the first day of February aforesaid shall make a last will and testament, or execute any deed of manumission whereby any negro or mulatto

female slave shall be declared free after
 a service for years or at any specified age or
 upon the performance of any condition or
 on the event of any contingency and such person
 in their said last will and testament or deed
 of manumission shall not fix or limit the
 state and condition of the issue that may
 be born of such negro or mulatto female
 slave, that then the state and condition of such
 issue shall be that of a slave any law, usage
 or custom to the contrary notwithstanding

By the House of Delegates

July 6. 1810

Read and reported to

By order

Jno Beecher

By the Senate

July 7th 1810

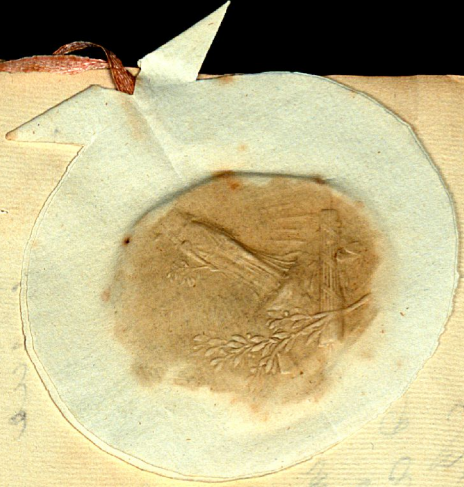
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