

C H A P. XIX. devised several of the said negroes to his said daughter Elizabeth, as her portion, agreeably to the deed aforesaid: And whereas also it is represented, that he the said Charles Worthington removed some time ago from this state to the commonwealth of Virginia, and with him carried several negro slaves, which said negroes so removed, and also those devised by William Booth as aforesaid, he the said Charles Worthington is fearful he is precluded from bringing into this state by an act of assembly, entitled, An act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state; and hath prayed that a law may pass, authorising and empowering him the said Charles Worthington to take, bring into this state, and hold, all and every of the said negroes mentioned in the devise aforesaid to have been given by the said William Booth to his daughter Elizabeth, and also those removed as aforesaid; and this general assembly thinking the prayer of the said petition reasonable, and being willing to remove the disability which he labours under in consequence of the act aforesaid,

C Worthington may bring certain negroes into this state, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Charles Worthington, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to bring into this state all and every of the said negroes devised as aforesaid by the said William Booth to his said daughter Elizabeth, and also those removed as aforesaid from this state by the said Charles Worthington, together with their increase since the devise and removal as aforesaid; and the right and title of the said Charles Worthington of, in and to the said slaves, and every of them, when removed into this state, shall be as firm, valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the before-mentioned act had never been made, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which any person or persons may have against the said Charles Worthington for any of the said slaves, nor shall it be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which the said slaves, or any of them, may have to freedom, from any other cause than being brought into this state.

C H A P. XX.

Passed December 27.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS no allowance is made by the said act to the sheriff of Saint-Mary's county for services performed by him in virtue of the same, although the said sheriff is liable to all the duties and penalties by the same prescribed;

Allowance to sheriffs, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the late, and every succeeding sheriff of Saint-Mary's county, shall receive, as a reward for his trouble under the said act, the sum of five pounds twelve shillings and sixpence *per annum*, which shall be paid out of the public treasury; in consideration whereof, the said sheriffs shall respectively defray all such charges as shall accrue by reason of the conveyance of all letters and packets by them respectively conveyed in virtue of the said act.

Duration.

III. This act to continue and be in force during the continuance of the act to which it is a supplement.

C H A P. XXI.

Passed December 27.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of the several counties therein mentioned.

Three trustees may transact business, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after this session of assembly, any three trustees of the poor in each of the several counties on the eastern shore of this state, be and they are hereby constituted a sufficient board to transact any business as trustees of the poor for their several counties, and that any business done by three trustees, met together by appointment for the transacting of business as aforesaid, shall be as valid as if done by the whole of the said trustees, any law heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And