

unto, and which slave or slaves, or the mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the district of Columbia three whole years next preceding such removal or importation, and the same to retain as slaves.

C H A P.
CLXXXVI.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Sophia Bland to sell or dispose of any slave or slaves imported by virtue of this act, or their increase, until the said slave or 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 dispositions by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

C H A P. CLXXXVII.

An ACT for the relief of Theodorick Bland.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Theodorick Bland 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, such slave or slaves as he may now have a *bona fide* absolute right unto, and to which he had a *bona fide* title for the period of three years before the passage of this act, and which slave or slaves, or the mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the district of Columbia three whole years next preceding such removal or importation, and the same to retain as slaves.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Theodorick Bland to sell or dispose of any slave or slaves imported by virtue of this act, or their increase, until the said slave or 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 dispositions by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

C H A P. CLXXXVIII.

An ACT to authorise the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Fell's Point to sell Lot Number Five Hundred and Ninety, situate on Fell's Point.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS Job Smith, Isaac Sutton, William Drumond, Richard Jones, Edward Hall, John Hawkins and Frederick Schaeffer, trustees of the Methodist Protestant Episcopal Church on Fell's Point, by their petition, have set forth, that a certain Thomas Woodward did heretofore, on the thirtieth day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, convey to a certain Jesse Hollingsworth, and others, in trust, for said church, a lot or parcel of ground, situate, lying and being, on Fell's Point, distinguished on the plat thereof by the Number Five Hundred and Ninety, and the said trustees, for divers good reasons, have prayed that they may be authorised to sell said lot; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Job Smith, Isaac Sutton, William Drumond, Richard Jones, Edward Hall, John Hawkins and Frederick Schaeffer, or a majority of them, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Fell's Point, be and they are hereby authorised to sell and dispose of all the right which said church may have in said lot Number Five Hundred and Ninety, at public sale, on such terms as they may deem best, and appropriate the proceeds arising from such sale to the building or buying a preacher's house, and improving the premises of the New Methodist Meeting-House on Fell's Point.

C H A P. CLXXXIX.

An ACT to lay out and open a Road from the Mouth of Bernard Gilpin's Lane, to intersect the old Road leading to Montgomery Court-House at or near Anne Slater's Plantation.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county have, by petition to this general assembly, prayed that a road may be opened from the mouth of Bernard Gilpin's lane, to intersect the old road leading to Montgomery court-house at or near Anne Slater's plantation; and the same appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Thomas, Bernard Gilpin, William Thomas, John Nealde and Washington Owens, or any three of them, be and they are here-