

and to discharge the other duties required of them by this act; and before the said managers shall proceed to act, they shall severally give bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for their faithful accounting for all moneys that may come to their hands; which bond shall be approved by one of the judges of Baltimore county court, and sent to the treasurer of the western shore of this state.

Bond
required.

Treasurer
directed to
pay to their
orders.

Not exceed-
ing \$20,000
this year to
be applied
to defray
expenses of
removing,
&c.

Prepara-
tions for re-
ception at
Liberia.

Diffuse in-
formation
respecting
Liberia.

Clerks of
courts and
registers of
wills to fur-
nish said
board with
copies of all
manumis-
sions, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the western shore, to pay to the board of managers, to be appointed as herein after directed, such sums as they shall, from time to time require, not exceeding in all, the sum of twenty thousand dollars during the present year, to be applied by them as they, in their discretion, shall think best, in removing or causing to be removed, such slaves as may hereafter become free, and such people of colour as are now free, and may be willing to remove out of the state to the colony of Liberia, on the coast of Africa, or to such other place or places, out of the limits of the state, as they may think best, and as the said persons to be removed, so may consent to go to, in the manner herein after provided; and the said board may, from time to time, make such preparations at the said colony of Liberia, or elsewhere, as they may think best, which shall seem to them expedient for the reception and accommodation and support of the said persons so to be removed, until they can be enabled to support themselves, and shall also take such measures as may seem to them necessary and expedient to obtain and place before the people of colour of the state of Maryland, full and correct information of the condition and circumstances of the colony of Liberia, or such other place or places, to which they may recommend their removal, and shall return a faithful account of all their expenditures of the said sums, and make a full report of all their proceedings to the next general assembly of this state.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall hereafter be the duty of every clerk of a county in this state, whenever a deed of manumission shall be left in his office for record, and of every register of wills in every county of this state, whenever a will, manumitting a slave or slaves, shall be admitted to probate, to send within five days thereafter, (under a penalty of ten dollars for each and every omission so to do, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, one-half whereof shall go to the informer and the other half to the state;) an extract from such deed or will, stating the names, number and ages of the slave or slaves so manumitted, (a list whereof, in the case of a will so proved, shall be filed therewith, by the executor or administrator) to the board of managers for Maryland, for removing the people of colour of said state; and it shall be the duty of the said board, on receiv-