

ing the same, to notify the American Colonization Society, or the Maryland State Colonization Society thereof, and to propose to such society that they shall engage, at the expense of such society, to remove said slave or slaves so manumitted to Liberia; and if the said society shall so engage, then it shall be the duty of the said board of managers to have the said slave or slaves delivered to the agent of such society, at such place as the said society shall appoint, for receiving such slave or slaves, for the purpose of such removal, at such time as the said society shall appoint; and in case the said society shall refuse so to receive and remove the person or persons so manumitted and offered, or in case the said person or persons shall refuse so to be removed, then it shall be the duty of the said board of managers to remove the said person or persons to such other place or places, beyond the limits of this state, as the said board shall approve of, and the said person or persons shall be willing to go to, and to provide for their reception and support, such place or places as the said board may think necessary, until they shall be able to provide for themselves, out of any money that may be earned by their hire, or may be otherwise provided for that purpose; and in case the said person or persons shall refuse to be removed to any place, beyond the limits of this state, and shall persist in remaining therein, then it shall be the duty of said board to inform the sheriff of the county wherein such person or persons may be, of such refusal, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the said sheriff forthwith to arrest or cause to be arrested the said person or persons so refusing to emigrate from this state, and transport the said person or persons beyond the limits of this state; and all slaves shall be capable of receiving manumission, for the purpose of removal as aforesaid, with their consent, of whatever age, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case any slave or slaves so manumitted, cannot be removed without separating families, and the said slave or slaves so unwilling on that account to be removed, shall desire to renounce the freedom so intended by the said deed or will to be given, then it shall and may be competent to such slave or slaves, to renounce, in open court, the benefit of said deed or will, and to continue a slave.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be competent for the orphans court of this state, and for Baltimore city court, to grant annually a permit to any slave or slaves so permitted as aforesaid, to remain as free in said county, in cases where the said courts may be satisfied by respectable testimony, that such slave or slaves so manumitted, deserve such permission on account of their extraordinary good conduct and character; *Provided*, such permit shall not exempt any manumittor or

Board to notify colonization society.

If they will remove, the persons shall be delivered over.

And if they refuse to go to Liberia.

The board to remove them to wherever they may select.

If they refuse to quit the state. Sheriff to be notified.

Who shall transport said person. Any slave may be manumitted who consents to remain.

Slave may renounce the manumission.

Orphans court authorized to grant annual permits for slaves to remain.

Proviso.