

his representatives, or his estate, from any liability to maintain any hereafter emancipated slave, who, at the time his or her right to freedom accrues, may be unable to gain a livelihood, or be over forty-five years of age at said time, and afterwards become unable to maintain himself and herself.

The board authorized to hire out manumitted persons to pay expenses of removal.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of managers shall, in all cases where the removal of a slave or slaves manumitted as aforesaid, shall devolve upon them, have full power and authority, whenever the same shall be necessary, and can be done with advantage, to hire out such slave or slaves so manumitted and so to be removed, until their wages shall produce a sufficient sum to defray all expenses attending their removal, and necessary support at the place or places of such removal.

Treasurer authorized to borrow \$20,000 and issue certificates of stock.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorized and required, for the purpose of paying for the transportation of the coloured population of this state, to borrow, on the credit of the state, in certificates of stock, not less than one thousand dollars each, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, redeemable at the expiration of fifteen years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum; and the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the payment of the said principal when due, and the interest accruing semi-annually until paid; and the money so borrowed, is hereby appropriated to pay for the removal of the free coloured population of the several counties of this state; and the said treasurer is also required to borrow, on similar terms, and payable at the lapse of fifteen years from the date of the loan, such further sum or sums as may be required to pay the expenses incurred under this law, in removing the free people of colour in this state to Liberia or elsewhere, beyond the limits of this state; *Provided always*, that the amount of loans made, shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

Pledge to redeem.

The money appropriated.

Further leave authorized.

Limitation.

Levy directed.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of raising a fund to pay the principal and interest of the loans authorized and required by this act, the levy courts or commissioners of the several counties of this state, as the case may be, and the mayor and city council of Baltimore, are hereby authorized annually during the continuance of this act, to levy on the assessable property within their respective counties, clear of the expense of collections severally, as follows:—on Somerset county, the sum of three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents; on Worcester county, the sum of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents; on Dorchester county, the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents; on Talbot county, the sum of two hundred and seventy-six dollars; on Queen Anne's county, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-

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