

shall cease and may be shut up, or when, for the continuance of said road, it shall be necessary to have the same, at the discretion of the court, renewed.

CHAPTER 295.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, passed at December session, of the year eighteen hundred and ten, chapter thirty-four, relating to Devises and Legacies.

WHEREAS, doubts are entertained as to the proper construction of the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, and whether the devisees or legatees, whose death is provided for by the said section, must be devisees or legatees actually and specially named in the last will and testament or codicil; therefore, Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all devisees or legatees shall be deemed and taken to be within the provisions and true intent and meaning of said fourth section of said act, who are or shall be either actually and specially named as devisees or legatees, or who are or shall be mentioned, described, or in any manner referred to, or designated, or identified, as devisees or legatees, in and by any last will and testament or codicil. Devisees and legatees have construed.

CHAPTER 296.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,* entitled, an Act relating to People of Colour * 1831, ch. 281.
in this State.

WHEREAS, several coloured persons, prior to the passage of the law passed at the last session, viz: an act, entitled, 'an act relating to people of colour in this state,' obtained deeds of manumission, which have not been recorded prior to said act, whereby they will be compelled to leave the state, or relinquish their freedom; therefore, Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* any deed of manumission, so executed, and duly attested and acknowledged, and failing to be recorded, shall, if it be recorded before the first day of October next, be as valid, as if recorded prior to the passage of said act; and it shall be the duty of each and every clerk to record such deed, when presented to him before the first day of October next. Certain manumissions made valid.
If recorded by October next.

SEC. 2. AND WHEREAS, several deeds of bargain and sale have been executed, prior to the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, conveying certain slaves, for a limited period, to the purchasers therein mentioned, and after the expiration of said period declaring said slaves free, which deeds have been either not attested by two witnesses, or not recorded, prior to the passage of said act, whereby such slaves are deprived of the benefits intended by said deeds; therefore, *Be it* Certain deeds of bargain prior to act of 1831, &c.