

the petition of any petitioner as aforesaid, shall be pending before them, in the place of any county court as aforesaid, and to Baltimore county court, when the case of such petitioner shall have been transmitted to such court.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That before a surrender shall be allowed as aforesaid, notice shall be given as shall be prescribed by a judge of the court as aforesaid, or one of the said commissioners, to the trustee of the said petitioners, and to any creditor of such petitioner, if he shall have named any creditor upon the schedule with his petition.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the surety so surrendering a petitioner, shall be bound to pay the allowance for maintenance of said petitioner while in custody aforesaid, which plaintiffs are required to pay toward maintenance of defendant in prison, and if by reason of any default in the premises of such surety, the said petitioner shall be discharged, (which he may be as defendants aforesaid may,) the said surety shall be liable upon the bond aforesaid, as if no surrender had taken place.

DECEMBER, 1835.—CHAPTER 61.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,\* entitled, a Supplement to an Act relating to Free Negroes and Slaves.

See 1796, ch. 67, ante page 334.

WHEREAS, by the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-three, chapter eighty-seven, to which this is a supplement, it is provided that any citizen of this state, who has acquired, or who may hereafter acquire by marriage or bequest, or in course of distribution, in another state, district or territory, any slave or slaves, being slaves for life, may bring the same into this state; *And whereas*, the said act has made no provision for slaves acquired by gift, and it is deemed right and proper that such provision should be made; therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for any citizen of this state, who has acquired, or may hereafter acquire by gift, in any state, district or territory, any slave or slaves, being slaves for life, to introduce the same into this state; *Provided*, such citizen shall comply in all respects with the requisites of the act to which this is a supplement.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in every case of gift, as authorized by this act, that the donor shall make the same known in writing, upon oath, that the said gift is bona fide made, which instrument of writing shall be filed with the clerk of the county in which the said property may be received, and by the clerk to be made a matter of record; and no slave, or their descendants, introduced into Maryland by virtue of the provisions