

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That in payment of any debt due to, or judgment obtained by, a bank or banks in this state, or by the commissioners which may be appointed under the provisions of this act, the note or notes of the bank to whom the debt is due, or by or for whom the judgment has been obtained, shall be received in payment at the full value contained in the promise made by said note or notes.

In payment of debt due the bank the notes thereof to be received.

CHAPTER 188.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an Act to establish Pilots and regulate their Fees. * 1803, ch. 63.

Repealed by 1823, ch. 176.

CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT authorizing the Judges of the Orphans Court to bind out the Children of free Negroes and Mulattoes.

See notes to the original law, ante page 294.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of the orphans court of the several counties in this state, are authorized in their discretion, on information being given, or whenever it comes to their own knowledge, that there are any child or children of free negroes or mulattoes not at service or learning a trade, or employed in the service of their parents, to bind and put out such child or children to some useful trade or service, on the same terms and conditions that orphan children are now subject to be bound out, only that the term of service of a female may be extended to the age of eighteen years; and that the judges aforesaid may require as a condition in any indenture, that the said child or children shall be taught to read or write, or in lieu thereof a sum not exceeding thirty dollars shall be allowed in addition to the freedom dues required by law.

Orphans court authorized to bind out such children.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That before the said judges shall proceed to bind out any child or children of the description aforesaid, they shall cause a summons to be issued, requiring the parent or parents of such child or children to appear before the said judges on the day when it is intended to bind out such child or children, and that the said judges shall in all cases consult and gratify the inclination of the parent or parents of such child or children, in respect to their choice of a master or mistress, so far as it may seem just and reasonable.

Before binding them out to summon parents to appear, &c.