

shall direct a transcript of the proceedings to be transmitted by the register to the county court, whose decision shall be final. to be transmitted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases of plenary proceedings or caveat filed in any of the orphans courts of this state, where any motion or application to the court shall be made in writing, it shall be the duty of the court to reduce to writing, and sign the order or decree that may be made by them on such motion or application, and the said motion or application to the court, and the order or decree thereon, shall be filed as a part of the proceedings, and in case of appeal from the final decree of the orphans court, be transmitted to the appellate court with the other proceedings, and subject to the judgment and revision of such appellate court. In case of plenary proceedings, &c. where motion shall be made in writing, to be filed as parts of proceedings &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That so much of an act of assembly, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-eight,\* and also so much of an act passed at November session eighteen hundred and two,† as relate to appeals from the orphans court to the general court, court of chancery, and county court, be and the same are hereby repealed; *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall affect any appeal prayed before the passage of this act. Parts of acts repealed. \* Ch. 101. † Ch. 101.

#### CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT for settling the Western Limits of this State and the dividing Line and Boundary between this State and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

No definitive negotiation has been consummated under this law.

#### CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to prohibit Sheriffs from receiving Negro Slaves into the public gaols of this state, except when committed by due course of law.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for the sheriffs of any county in this state to receive into the public gaol any negro slave, unless committed in due course of law. Not lawful to receive any negro into gaol unless committed in due course of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any sheriff shall after the first day of April next, receive any slave into the public gaol of his county, except when committed as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars current money for every offence, to be recovered by bill of indictment, or action of debt, in the county court where such sheriff may reside, one-half for the use of the county, the other half to the informer who shall present or sue for the same. Penalty on sheriffs for receiving any such.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit or prevent the owner of a slave, who is a person not engaged in the traffic of buying and selling Persons not engaged in buying and selling slaves not prevented