

CHAP. LXVII.

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An Act to appoint Nicholas Carroll, of the City of Annapolis, and Nicholas Brice, of the City of Baltimore, Trustees for the Sale of certain Lands lying in Cecil County, part of the Real Estate of James Brice, Esquire, late of the City of Annapolis, deceased. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 272. A Private Act.

Passed Jan. 8, 1803

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An Act respecting the bringing of Slaves from the District of Columbia into this State. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 275.

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A Supplement, December 1813, ch. 56. See 1804, ch. 89 and ch. 90. November 1812, ch. 76.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that at the time the congress of the United States assumed the jurisdiction over the district of Columbia, a number of slaves belonging to the citizens of this state were hired, and otherwise employed to labour, within the said district, and doubts have arisen whether the owners of the said slaves could with safety bring the same within the state of Maryland;

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person, a citizen of this state, owning any slave or slaves who was or were hired, or otherwise employed, within that part of the district of Columbia lying east of the Potomac river, called Washington county, before the congress of the United States assumed the jurisdiction over the said district, to bring any such slave or slaves, or their descendants, into the state of Maryland, without any such slave or slaves, or their descendants, being by means thereof in any manner entitled to freedom.

Certain slaves may be brought into this state.

By December 1813, ch. 56, any slave removed, carried or brought, from this state, into Washington county, in the district of Columbia, or into this state from the said county, shall not be entitled to freedom provided such slave shall not have been carried into the said district from any state or territory except this state.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any such owner of any slave or slaves, hired or otherwise employed in Washington county, of the district aforesaid, since the congress of the United States assumed the jurisdiction over the same, to bring into the state any such slave or slaves, and their descendants, without entitling any of the said slaves, or their descendants, to their freedom.

Owners of such slaves may bring slaves into state.

See note under section 2.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any citizen of this state, or of the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, owning such slave or slaves, to remove to and from the said part of the district of Columbia any such slave or slaves, at the will and pleasure of such owner, without any such slave or slaves, or any of their descendants, being thereby entitled to their freedom, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained shall give power or authority to any citizen of this state, or of the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, to remove such slave or slaves, or their descendants, from the said district, which shall have been or may be brought into the said district from any of the United States, except the state of Maryland.

And remove them

Proviso;

See note under section 2.