

account to be removed, shall desire to renounce the freedom so intended by the said deed or will to be given, then if shall and may be competent to such slave or slaves, to renounce, in open court, the benefit of said deed or will, and to continue a slave.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be competent for the orphan's court of this state, and for Baltimore city court, to grant annually a permit to any slave or slaves so permitted as aforesaid, to remain as free in said county, in cases where the said courts may be satisfied by respectable testimony, that such slave or slaves so manumitted, deserve such permission on account of their extraordinary good conduct and character; *Provided*, such permit shall not exempt any manumitter or his representatives, or his estate, from any liability to maintain any hereafter emancipated slave, who, at the time his or her right to freedom accrues, may be unable to gain a livelihood, or be over forty-five years of age at said time, and afterwards become unable to maintain himself and herself.

Orphans court authorised to grant annual permits for slaves to remain.

Proviso.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of managers, shall in all cases where the removal of a slave or slaves manumitted as aforesaid, shall devolve upon them, have full power and authority, whenever the same shall be necessary, and can be done with advantage, to hire out such slave or slaves so manumitted and so to be removed, until their wages shall produce a sufficient sum to defray all expenses attending their removal, and necessary support at the place or places of such removal.

The board authorised to hire out manumitted persons to pay expenses of removal.

Sec 7. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised and required, for the purpose of paying for the transportation of the colored population of this state, to borrow, on the credit of the state, in certificates of stock, not less than one thousand dollars each, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, redeemable at the expiration of fifteen years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum; and the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the payment of the said principal when due, and the interest accruing semi-annually until paid; and the money so borrowed, is hereby appropriated to pay for the removal of the free colored population of the several counties of this state; and the said treasurer is also required to borrow, on similar terms, and payable at the lapse of fifteen years from the date of the loan, such further sum or sums as may be required to pay the expenses incurred under this law, in removing the free people of color in this state to Liberia or elsewhere, beyond the limits of this state; *Provided always*, That the amount of loans made, shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

Treasurer authorised to borrow 20,000 dollars and issue certificates of stock.

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