

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 145.

Dec Ses 1826.

An act to make valid a deed of manumission executed by William Moffett, late of Kent county, deceased,

Passed March 2, 1826.

Deed confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the deed of manumission executed by William Moffett, late of Kent county, deceased, bearing date on the thirteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and recorded among the records of the county aforesaid, as appears by the certificate of the clerk of said county, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, and made valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and the said manumission heretofore executed and recorded, shall have full force and effect to liberate and set free the negroes therein mentioned, at the several times or periods therein limited; and in all respects have the same operation as if the same had been by the said William Moffett, deceased, executed, acknowledged, and recorded, agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided: *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to effect the rights of any person having claims upon the estate of the said William Moffett, deceased, or to prejudice the rights of any purchaser of any of the said negroes under a bona fide sale.*

Proviso.

CHAPTER 146.

An act regulating Fences in Harford county.

Passed March 2, 1826.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That corn-fields and all grounds kept for enclosures, shall be fenced with a post and rail fence, or worm fence well staked and ridered, made of good and substantial rails, at least four feet and a half high from the ground to the top of the upper rail; and all worm fences not staked and ridered shall be at least five feet high from the ground to the top of the upper rail, and the first or under rail, either in post and rail or worm fences, shall not exceed five inches from the ground, or embankment or stone wall, as the case may be, on which the same is or shall be built; and the width between the rails composing the fence, shall be such as is usual in the construction of good post and rail, or worm fence; and all fences made of stone exclusively, and hedges of thorn close set, shall be at least four feet and an half high from the ground to the top thereof; and all brush fences made upon the surface of the ground to be at least four feet six inches high, and all brush fences made upon an embankment to be at least three feet high, provided the embankment be eighteen inches high, and provided that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to extend to other than outside fences or fences between different proprietors. And if any horses, horned cattle, sheep, or hogs, shall break into any person's enclosure, the same being of the*

Dimensions prescribed—liability of trespassers.