

ment of Samuel Dunnock, late of said county, deceased, the orphan's court of said county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to make a distribution of the personal estate of the said Samuel, among the persons entitled to the same according to the principles of law and the true construction of said will; *Provided*, the said petition shall be filed before the first day of August next.

Proviso. **SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said court before proceeding to make distribution as aforesaid, to give at least ten days notice in writing to each person interested, of the day on which said distribution will be made, which said notice shall be served by the sheriff of the counties respectively in which said persons may reside.

Notice to be given to persons interested. **SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted*, That the copy of the distribution heretofore made on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county aforesaid, shall be taken and received as prima facie evidence of the description and amount of the personal estate of the said Samuel to be distributed as aforesaid.

Copy of distribution heretofore made to be received as evidence. **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted*, That any party feeling himself or herself aggrieved by the decision of the court aforesaid in the premises, may appeal as in other cases from the decision of the orphan's court.

Right of appeal. **SEC. 5.** *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from its passage.

In force.

CHAPTER 177.

Passed May 5, 1853. **AN ACT** relating to Free Negroes in Cecil county.

Lawful to leave the State. **SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful for any free negro, whilst in the employ of any white person in Cecil county, to leave the State of Maryland and return, without being subject to the penalties imposed on free negroes emigrating into this State, by the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter thirty-eight; *Provided*, that such free negro shall leave the State only for the purpose of transacting business for his white employer; *And provided, further*, that it shall not be lawful for such free negro to remain out of the State

Proviso.