

## CHAPTER 412.

Passed May 30, 1853. AN ACT to authorise Clerks of Courts to pass orders nisi for the ratification of Auditors reports and accounts.

Power to pass orders nisi.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the clerks of the several circuit courts for the counties in this State and the city of Baltimore, the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city and the clerk of the court of common pleas for said city, shall have a concurrent power with the judge of their several judicial circuits, the judge of the said superior court of Baltimore city, and the judge of the court of common pleas of said city, to pass all orders nisi for the ratification of Auditors reports and accounts, but not final orders.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

## CHAPTER 413.

Passed May 30, 1853. AN ACT to authorise John L. Lankford, administrator of Peter White, free negro, to execute a deed of manumission for certain slaves therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, that a certain Peter White, free negro of Somerset county, deceased, was in his life time possessed of certain slaves, who were his neice and nephew, and for whom he held a bill of sale; *And whereas,* the said Peter departed this life intestate, without any relations within the fifth degree, by reason of which the whole surplus of his personal estate after payment of debts and expenses of administration, hath devolved upon the State of Maryland.

Authority to execute deed.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John L. Lankford, administrator of the said Peter White, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to execute a deed of manumission for the said negro slaves belonging to the estate of said Peter, to be acknowledged and recorded as other deeds of manumission; *Provided nevertheless,* that nothing herein

Provisoos.