

CHAP. 235. slave or slaves claiming his, her or their freedom, under such deeds of manumission; *And provided also*, that the provisions of this act shall not extend to the case of any negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, whose right to freedom is now in litigation in any court of this state.

CHAP. CCXXXVI.

Passed Mar 12 1827

An Act for the relief of Teresa Court, and her Children.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to the legislature of Maryland, that a certain Richard Darnall, of Anne-Arundel county, did, on the sixteenth day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, execute a deed of manumission, which has been duly acknowledged and recorded, in favour of a certain female negro called Teresa, and now the wife of William Court, a free man of said county: And whereas it appears that said deed is so far defective as to have but one witness; and it is also alleged that said Teresa, by reason of her tender age, was incapable, under a late decision of the court of appeals, to take her freedom, even if said deed had been in other respects valid; Therefore,

Deed made valid

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That said deed shall be valid and effectual in law to give freedom to said Teresa, and her issue.

CHAP. CCXXXVII.

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An Act making certain Chancery Records therein mentioned Evidence.

Preamble

WHEREAS at December session 1825, the general assembly passed the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required, to take under their superintendance, the papers remaining unrecorded in the chancery office, and which should have been placed on record by Samuel H. Howard, Nicholas Brewer, James P. Heath, and Thomas H. Bowie, esquires, late registers in chancery. Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required, to cause such of said papers, as are required by law to be recorded, to be registered as soon as may be, in proper books to be procured for that purpose, and that such books of registry, after they are completed, be deposited and remain among the archives of said office:" And whereas the said records have been nearly completed; Therefore,

Records made evidence

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all such records, when completed and deposited in the chancery office, under the foregoing resolutions, shall be, and they are declared to be evidence, and as such to have the same authority and effect as other records of the same kind, made out by the register of the said court of chancery, have.

CHAP. CCXXXVIII.

Passed Mar 12 1827

An Act to divorce Ann Maria Bush, and her Husband Robert Bush, of the City of Baltimore.

Divorce granted

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Ann Maria Bush be and she is hereby divorced from bed, board and mutual cohabitation, with her husband Robert Bush.