

CHAP. LXX.

An Act to authorise the Reverend Henry Lyon Davis to remove certain Negroes from the State of Delaware to this State.

CHAP. 70.

Passed Feb 9, 1827

Authorised to remove negroes to the state

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Reverend Henry Lyon Davis be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to import and bring into this state, from the state of Delaware, the following named slaves, viz. one negro man Frank, one woman named Araminta, one woman named Alice, one woman Charlotte, and small child Harriet, and to have and hold the said negroes, in the same right as if they had never been taken out of this state.

CHAP. LXXI.

An Act to provide for the Preservation of the Records belonging to the Office of the Clerk of Somerset County Court. Passed Jan 27, 1827

**WHEREAS** it is represented to this general assembly by the levy court of Somerset county, that many of the record books belonging to the office of the clerk of Somerset county court, have, from long use and for the want of a suitable depository, become injured and defaced; for remedy whereof, Preamble

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Ara Spence, of Worcester county, and Littleton Dennis, Senior, and William Done, Esquires, of Somerset county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to inspect the records belonging to the office of the clerk of Somerset county court, and to ascertain what record books belonging to said office require to be transcribed, or require new indices and new binding; and if, upon examination, they, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall find that any of the said records require transcribing, or new indices, or rebinding, they shall be, and are hereby authorised and empowered, to direct the clerk of said county court to transcribe, or cause to be transcribed, the same, in new and well bound books, and to annex new indices, and to cause to be rebound such records now remaining in said office as they, or a majority of them, may deem necessary to be transcribed, or to require new indices, or to be rebound; and the same, when so transcribed, shall be as valid in law as the original records. Commissioners appointed to inspect records

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk may, at the discretion of the levy court aforesaid, employ a person to attend at the place where said records are usually kept, or may cause them to be carried to some other place for the purpose of having the same rebound, provided that the same be done under the direction and supervision of said clerk, and in his presence. Clerk to have rebound such as require it

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk shall purchase such books and stationary as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may direct, for the purpose of transcribing and annexing new indices to the said record books. And purchase books and stationary

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk shall be allowed to charge six cents for every hundred words transcribed and examined, and one cent for every ten words in the new indices which he may make for, and annex to the said records, which may be Compensation allowed