

CHAPTER 87.

Passed Jan. 27, 1864. AN ACT entitled an act to repeal section one hundred and thirty-four and section one hundred and thirty-five of Article eight of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to free negroes in Cecil county.

Code amend- ed. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section one hundred and thirty-four and section one hundred and thirty-five of Article eight of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to free negroes in Cecil county be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

CHAPTER 88.

Passed Feb. 15, 1864. AN ACT to incorporate the Maryland Soldiers' Relief Association.

Preamble. WHEREAS, Many of the families of soldiers from the State of Maryland that now are or have been in the service of the United States, are in pressing want and necessity; and whereas, it seems eminently right and proper that those whose homes are defended shall care for and aid the families of those who defend them; and whereas, the Rev. John N. McJilton, Dr. C. C. Cox, Dr. George W. Wayson, Dr. George W. Fay, S. F. Streeter, William Daniel, Judge William Alexander, W. D. Miller, Geo. Gildersleve, J. B. Seidenstricker, Rev. Isaac P. Cook, John Dukehart, John H. Ing, and others, have agreed to associate themselves together for the purpose of providing for the relief of these families, present and prospective, and for the purpose, also, of accumulating a fund sufficient to provide and sustain a permanent home for the disabled soldiers from this State; now, therefore,