

CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT to make valid the bequest of freedom by the last will and testament of Edward Wright, late of Dorchester county, deceased, to certain negroes. Passed Feb. 9, 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the last will and testament of Edward Wright, late of Dorchester county, deceased, so far as the same gives and bequeaths to his seven negroes, named Moses, Mary, John, Peter, Diana, James and Harriet, their freedom from slavery immediately on his decease, and so far as it gives and bequeaths unto his nine negroes, named Jacob, David, Stephen, Littleton, Henna, Caroline, Amanda, Isaac, Henry, Mary, and his mulatto William, and unto the children that any of his said negroes may or shall have born of her or their bodies, their freedom whenever they severally shall have arrived at the age of thirty years, be and the same is hereby made valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes, to confer freedom upon such slaves at the respective periods therein designated: And that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Provisions of will made valid
In force.

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT for the relief of John T. P. Moore, the purchaser of the real estate of John Hickman, late of Worcester county, deceased, sold by Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for said county to value and divide the same. Passed Feb. 9, 1864.

WHEREAS, It appears that upon the petition of Francis Hickman to the Circuit Court for Worcester county, for a Commission to value and divide the real estate of John Hickman, late of said coun- Preamble.