

*chap. 227.* hands, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, in the improvement of a certain lot of ground (part of the estate of said deceased) lying on Pratt street, between Commerce and Patterson streets, in the said city, in such manner, as the said Court shall deem most conducive to the advancement of the interests of the heirs of the said deceased.

## CHAPTER 228.

*Printed Mar. 1, 1836* *An act for the benefit of Tabitha Swearingen, of Frederick County.*

*Removal specified, provided*

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following negro slaves:—Matilda, Levi, Richard and James, conveyed by Tobitha Swearingen, by deed of trust, to George Beall, of Frederick county, for the use of her daughter, the wife of Edmund Wagner, shall not be entitled to their freedom by reason of their removal into this state by Wagner, or said Tobitha Swearingen, without having rendered a list of said slaves in the manner directed by the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-six, chapter sixty-seven, and the act of eighteen hundred and four, chapter ninety, and the act of eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter two hundred and one; but the right and title of said trustee for the uses in said deed mentioned, shall be as good and available in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the said Tabitha Swearingen or Edmund Wagner, for her, at the time of removing said negro slaves; Matilda, Levi and Richard, into this State, had rendered a list of said negro slaves in the manner directed by the above recited acts, and had in every other respect complied with the provisions and regulations of the acts of Assembly, Provided, That the owner or owners of said slaves shall not have the right to manumit or sell said slaves, within three years from the time of their removal: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to effect any right or title to freedom which the said negroes may have acquired under the laws of this state, and to secure which right or title to freedom, a petition may be now pending.*

## CHAPTER 229.

*Printed Mar. 1, 1836* *An act to divorce Rebecca Wilson and James Wilson.*

*Marriage specified*

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage between Rebecca Wilson, of Montgomery county, and James Wilson, be, and the same is hereby declared abso-*