

county, a colored woman named Ann or Anna, and her child named Fanny, being his wife and child, as appears by the bill of sale, recorded in one of the record books of said county, in Liber J. L. No. S. folio three hundred and ninety nine and four hundred; and whereas, the said David Barnett also purchased from John Tilghman, of Queen Ann's county, a boy named Benjamin, being his son, as appears by a bill of sale recorded in the record books of Talbot county, in Liber J. L. No. S. folio sixty-six; And whereas, the said David Barnett died in the month of October last, without manumitting his wife and children aforesaid, as it was his intention to do;—Therefore,

CHAP. 246.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the aforesaid Anna Barnett, Benjamin Barnett, and Fanny Barnett, be, and they are hereby declared, free, capable of purchasing and holding property, real and personal, and made heirs of each other, as if they had been manumitted by David Barnett aforesaid, their husband and father, during his life time; and the aforesaid Anna Barnett, Benjamin Barnett, and Fanny Barnett, are declared heirs of David Barnett aforesaid.

Declared free and capable

Heirs

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Clerk of Talbot county be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to deliver to Anna Barnett, Benjamin Barnett, and Fanny Barnett, certificates of their freedom, on their demanding the same, and paying the fees allowed by law.

Certificates

CHAPTER 246.

*An act for the relief of Anne and William Bowen.*

Passed Mar. 17, 1834

WHEREAS, it is represented to the General Assembly, by the petition of John Stouffer and others, that Samuel Cork, late of Frederick county, deceased, by deed of manumission, executed the twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, liberated from slavery his negro woman named Milly, and her children, Ann and William Bowen, and that the said children were of an age too young to be liberated by the existing laws of this State; and that, in consequence thereof, the deed of manumission was defective, and it is apprehended that they may lose the rights confirmed by the said deed of manumission; And whereas, it is represented by the said petitioners, that the mother of

Preamble