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C H A P.
CLXXI.

mulatto female slaves may hereafter be declared free after certain years of service, or at some specified age, or upon the performance of some condition: And whereas during such years of service, or before the age specified for liberation, or before the performance of the condition may arrive, issue of their body may be born: And whereas the state and condition of such issue seems not to be settled with sufficient legal precision; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of February, eighteen hundred and ten, if any negro or mulatto female slave, by testament or last will, or deed of manumission, shall be declared to be free after any given period of service, or at any stipulated age, or upon the performance of any condition, or on the event of any contingency, it shall be lawful for the person making such last will and testament, or executing such deed of manumission, to fix and determine in the same the state and condition of the issue that may be born of such negro or mulatto female slave during their period of service.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person after the first day of February aforesaid, shall make a last will and testament, or execute any deed of manumission, whereby any negro or mulatto female slave shall be declared free after a service for years, or at any specified age, or upon the performance of any condition, or on the event of any contingency, and such person, in their said last will and testament, or deed of manumission, shall not fix or limit the state and condition of the issue that may be born of such negro or mulatto female slave, that then the state and condition of such issue shall be that of a slave, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. CLXXII.

An ACT to continue certain Acts of Assembly.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all and every act or acts of assembly, which are limited by law to continue to the end of the present session of assembly, or which would expire during the same, or before the end of the next general assembly, be and they are hereby severally continued until the thirty-first day of October next, and until the end of the next session of assembly, unless such as are repugnant to, or inconsistent with, any law which may have passed during the present session of assembly, and subject to any alterations which may have been made therein; provided nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the act of assembly passed at November session, in the year eighteen hundred and eight, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, or to the several supplements to the said original act, passed at the same session, and at June session, eighteen hundred and nine.

C H A P. CLXXIII.

An ACT for the relief of William Boller, of Frederick County.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS William Boller, a native of Germany, emigrated to America in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and has ever since resided within the United States; that he removed from the state of Pennsylvania to Frederick county in the year eighteen hundred and four, and that at February court, eighteen hundred and nine, held for Frederick county, he was admitted by the court of said county to become a citizen of the United States; that previous to his becoming a citizen as aforesaid, he purchased from a certain Matthias Young two tracts or parcels of land in Frederick county, called Arnold's Delight, containing one hundred and four acres, and the Resurvey on part of Arnold's Delight, containing twenty-eight acres, and that he also purchased from a certain John Valentine, another part of a tract of land in Frederick county, called Whiskey Plenty, containing forty-four acres one rood and twenty-four perches; that the title to said lands being insecure by reason of the said William Boller being an alien at the time of his purchasing said tracts or parcels of land, and praying that an act may pass to confirm to him his title to the same; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the said William Boller to the aforesaid tracts or parcels of land, and the same is hereby made as perfect and complete, to all intents and purposes, as if the said William Boller had been naturalized previous to the purchase of the same, any thing in the laws of this state to the contrary notwithstanding; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner effect or defeat any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired by any person previous to the passage of this act.

C H A P. CLXXIV.

An ACT to lay out a Road in Baltimore County.

Passed 7th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the part of the old road leading from Woolf's tavern to Merryman's tavern, is on very bad ground, and very expensive to the