

exist or as they existed at any time prior to the CHAP. 284. passage of this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the president and directors of the said society shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, the sum of seventy dollars for each emancipated slave or free negro, male or female, above the age of ten years, and the sum of thirty-five dollars for each of such persons under the age of ten years, who shall appear by the written certificate of the said president and directors filed by them in the office of the Comptroller, to have been sent by them to Africa within the period of two months immediately preceding the date of such certificate; *Provided,* the said payments per capita under the provisions of this section shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars in any one year.

Emancipated slaves sent to Africa—sum of money paid by the State on account of each.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the officers of said society shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for the removal of any free negro or negroes, unless said free negro or free negroes shall have been bona fide residents of this State for the space of five years next preceding their removal.

Removal of free negroes.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

In force.

CHAPTER 284.

AN ACT to incorporate the purchasers of the Elkton, Andora and Lewisville Plank Road Company.

Passed March 7, 1860.

WHEREAS, heretofore, to wit: on the fourteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, the Elkton, Andora and Lewisville Plank Road Company, incorporated by the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter three hundred and twenty-two, and eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, chapter one hundred and eighty-seven, under and by virtue fifteenth section of the act first above named, hath by authority of the stockholders in

Preamble.