

CHAP. 112. proved of by said clerk, and conditioned in the penalty of one thousand dollars, for the faithful and safe return of the said negro girl Miriam, to the State of Maryland, by the said Christian Tabler, his executors, administrators or assigns, at or immediately after the termination of her term of service, if she shall desire to return.

District attorney directed to institute suit, in the event of her not being returned:

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in case the said negro girl Miriam, if living and desirous to return, shall not be faithfully and safely returned to the State of Maryland by the said Christian Tabler, his executors, administrators or assigns, at or immediately after the expiration of her term of service, it shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the said Christian Tabler, or his security, or either of them, or his or their, or either of their heirs, executors or administrators shall or may reside, to institute a suit upon the information of any person or persons whatsoever; and a copy of said bond certified under the seal of Frederick county, shall be evidence in said suit; and the money due on said bond, when recovered, shall, by the sheriff of the county in which the same shall be made, be paid over to the clerk of the county court of the county in which it shall be recovered, and by him paid to the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland, for the use of the colonization society.

Shall not return in case she resides in a free state:

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to authorise the said negro girl to return to this State, if prior to such return, and for twelve months after the term of service shall have expired, she shall have resided in any non-slaveholding State; *and it is also provided,* that the authority by this act conferred upon the said negro girl to return to this State, shall not extend beyond twelve months from the time at which her term of service shall expire.

Proviso

Clerk's duty

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk or register, where the said negro's right to freedom may be recorded, to furnish her, before her removal, at the expense of her said master, with a certified copy of the record under which she may hereafter be free.

CHAPTER 112.

Passed Feb. 23, 1841. *An act for the benefit of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company.*

Time extended *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the time limited by the act, entitled an act to authorise the