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Passed Feb An act for the benefit of Levin W. Ballard, of Somerset County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that Doctor Levin W. Ballard, has become entitled to a certain negro slave for life, in Mississippi, which he is desirous should live in this State—therefore,

May introduce slave.

Provisoes

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the introduction into this State, of negro boy John, aged about fifteen years, a slave for life, by the said Doctor Levin W. Ballard, is hereby made legal and valid to all intents and purposes; provided, the name, age and sex of said slave, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of Somerset county court, within thirty days from the passage of this act; and provided also, said Levin W. Ballard, shall within thirty days from the passage of this act, make affidavit before some justice of the peace of the county of Somerset, and have the same filed in the office of the clerk of Somerset county, of his intention to become a citizen of this State; and provided also, that the said Levin W. Ballard shall within the time aforesaid, file his affidavit with the clerk of said county court, that he hath not removed said slave into the State for the purpose of sale, and that said boy John is a slave for life; and provided also, the sum of fifteen dollars shall be paid to the clerk of Somerset county court, at the time of making the affidavit aforesaid, to be paid over by him to the treasurer of the western shore for the use and benefit of the colonization society of this State.

## CHAPTER 142.

Passed Feb An act to authorize the Commissioners of the Tax for Saint Mary's County, to erect a Bridge herein described.

Authorised to build,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the tax for Saint Mary's county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to direct a bridge to be built over the run passing through the the farm of John Blackiston, where said run crosses the road leading from Chaptin to Bidlen Neck; provided, that in their judgement such a bridge is required by the public interest.

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