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XIV.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the said judges shall have made choice of a fit and proper place for holding said election, agreeably to the directions of this act, and shall have returned a certificate thereof, under their hands and seals, to the county court, to be recorded, the same shall be the place of holding the election for the third district in Cæcil county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of the county shall record said certificate among the records of Cæcil county.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the judges of the respective election districts in Cæcil county shall appoint two of the constables of their respective districts to attend on the days of election, at the places for receiving the votes at the different election districts in which such constables may reside, for the express purpose of preserving the peace and quelling disorders and riots, who shall each be entitled to one dollar for each day they shall respectively attend in virtue of this act, to be paid as other charges are paid by Cæcil county.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT relating to Servants and Slaves.

Passed Decem-
ber 23, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any deed heretofore executed for the manumission of any slave or slaves, who by law might have been set free or manumitted by deed, and which has been acknowledged and recorded in the manner directed by the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, shall be valid and effectual in law to give freedom to any such slave or slaves, and their issue, although such deed of manumission, or writing as aforesaid, may not have been evidenced by two or more good and sufficient witnesses.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a copy of any such deed of manumission or writing as aforesaid, taken from the records of the county, and duly attested under the seal of the court, shall at all times hereafter be deemed, to all intents and purposes, good evidence to prove such deed of manumission; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to affect or destroy the right of any person, who, before the passage of this act, was a *bona fide* purchaser of any slave or slaves claiming his, her or their freedom under such deeds of manumission; and provided also, that notwithstanding such deed of manumission, no slave shall be entitled to his or her freedom under the provisions of this act, who has been heretofore adjudged to be a slave by any court of law in this state.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall hereafter sell or dispose of any servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, after any particular time, or upon a contingency, to any person who is not a *bona fide* resident of this state, and who has not resided therein for the space of at least one year next preceding such sale; and if any person holding any such servant or slave shall sell him or her to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, or who shall sell such servant or slave for a term of years longer than he or she is bound to serve, such person making any of said sales shall forfeit and pay five hundred dollars for any such servant or slave so sold, to be recovered by action of debt in the county court of the county where such seller may reside; one half whereof to the use of the county in which the recovery may be had, and the other to the person who may prosecute for the same.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to give validity to a Deed from Robert Gilla Hampton, to William Gilbert.

Passed Decem-
ber 23, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a deed of conveyance from Robert Gilla Hampton, of Baltimore county, to William Gilbert, of Harford county, of certain lands lying and being in Harford county, dated on the twenty-fourth day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, acknowledged before George Gouldsmith Presbury and James Calhoun, two justices of the peace for Baltimore county, and recorded among the land records of said county, in Liber W. G. No. XX. folio 161, &c. shall have the same force, operation and effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said deed had been recorded according to law among the land records of Harford county; provided, that the said deed shall be recorded among the land records of Harford county within six months after the passage of this act; and provided also, that no title