

of March, eighteen hundred and thirty two, and all such children as might be born of her body before that period, should be slaves until they should arrive at the age of twenty eight years respectively, *and whereas*, after the death of the said Christopher, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty three, letters of administration were granted to his widow Jane Hillerd, and one John Hershey, who on the eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty four, sold the said negro Nan and a child named Philip, born of her body the twelfth day of December, eighteen hundred and twenty one, to a certain Margaret Hillerd; the said Nan to be a slave until the said first day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty two, and Philip, as well as such other children as might be born of her body before that period, to be slaves until they should severally come to the age of twenty eight years, according to the provisions of the said deed of manumission, *and whereas*, soon afterwards the said Margaret retaining the said boy Philip for herself, sold the said negro woman named Nan, to the above named Jane Hillerd, subject to the conditions and limitations prescribed in the said deed of manumission, *and whereas*, it appears that the the said negro Nan, after giving birth to a daughter named Ann, in November, eighteen hundred and twenty four, and also to a son named Samuel, in the year eighteen hundred twenty nine, was on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty two, duly discharged from slavery according to the terms of said deed, *and whereas*, it appears that no bill of sale was executed, acknowledged or recorded, according to the requisition of the third section of the act of Assembly, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and seventeen, chapter one hundred and twelve, in either of the said sales of said negroes, whereby the title of said Jane Hillerd, to the services of the said children Ann and Samuel, until the age of twenty eight years, is subject to litigation, *and whereas*, it appears that the said Margaret Hillerd is long since dead, and therefore it is impossible to comply with the provisions of the said act of Assembly, *and whereas*, it appears that no fraud was intended towards the said negroes in the said sales, and that the only reason why bills of sale