

1844. THOMAS G. PRATT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAP. 247.

CHAPTER 246.

Passed March 6, 1845. *An act supplementary to an act for the General Valuation and Assessment of Property, and to Provide a Tax to Pay the Debts of the State, passed at March session, eighteen hundred and forty-one, chapter twenty-three.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, much doubt has existed in regard to the true interpretation of the act of eighteen hundred and forty-one, chapter twenty-three, whether the twenty cents on the one hundred dollars, thereby directed to be levied, as a direct tax, included the commissions allowed to collectors, or whether such commissions were to be paid by an additional levy; AND WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals has recently decided that the said act designed that the clear sum of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars, should be paid into the Treasury—Therefore,

Authorised and directed to levy a tax.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the levy courts or commissioners, as the case may be, of any county or district, where a levy has not been made for the payment of the commissions to the several collectors of the direct tax, as recited in the foregoing preamble, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to levy a tax, for the purpose of paying said collectors, according to the provisions of the forty-seventh section of said act of eighteen hundred and forty-one.

CHAPTER 247.

Passed March 8, 1845. *An act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to provide for the better regulation of Free Negroes and Mulatto Children within this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-two, chapter thirty-five.*

Made lawful.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any master or the executor, administrator or assignee, of any master of any negro or mulatto, apprentice bound under the laws of this State to assign, sell and transfer to any other person residing in the same county such apprentice; *provided,* the Orphans' court of the county, where the master, executor, administrator or assignee aforesaid may reside, assent thereto, and enter the same upon the minutes of their proceedings.

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