

ed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and the several supplements thereto, it is provided that where any person or persons possessed of any slave or slaves within this State, who are or shall be of healthy constitution, and sound in body and mind, capable by labor to procure him or them sufficient food and raiment, with other requisite necessaries of life, and not exceeding forty-five years of age, and such person or persons possessing such slave or slaves as aforesaid, and being willing or desirous to set free or manumit such slave or slaves, may by writing under his, her or their hand and seal, evidenced by two good and sufficient witnesses at least, grant to such slave or slaves, his, her or their freedom; AND WHEREAS, it is doubted whether or not the above said power, to manumit as above said, embraces bodies politic or corporate.

CHAP. 118.

SECTION 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful henceforth, from and after the passage of this act, for any body politic or corporate within this State, to manumit their slave or slaves, subject to the provisions of the act aforesaid, and the several supplements thereto, and subject also to the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and eighty-one, and its supplements.

Made lawful.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any deed or deeds of manumission executed by any such body politic or corporate, may be acknowledged by attorney according to the provisions of an act passed at the December session, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, chapter two hundred and twenty-six, section first.

Deeds acknowledged by attorney.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That any deed of manumission, executed by any such body politic or corporate, in strict conformity to the provisions of the first aforesaid act, and the supplements thereto, and subject also to the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and eighty one, and its supplements, to which this act is a further supplement, before the passage of this act, shall be and hereby is made valid and of full effect as if made in virtue of the explanatory force of this act.

Made valid.

CHAPTER 118.

*An act to make valid the official acts of certain Justices of the Peace, and the District Courts, in and for the State of Maryland.*

Passed Feb. 21, 1845.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where any justice of the

Made valid.