it may be lawful for such officer to sell, lease or rent, or CHAP. 144. in any manner dispose of such property, as may seem most advisable, and to recover any money due the State by reason of such sale, lease or renting, by suit or distress, and in case of a sale to execute good and sufficient deeds for the property so sold, on compliance with the terms of sale by the purchaser thereof; and the treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to pay for the cost of advertising such property aforesaid as may remain unsold; provided nevertheless, that nothing here- Proviso. in contained, shall be construed to deprive any party of the rights of redemption as secured by the existing laws of this State.

CHAPTER 144.

An act to authorise William W. Handy, of Somerset Passed 25, 1847. Passed Feb. County, to emancipate certain slaves.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assem- Preamble. bly of Maryland, that a certain Isaac Burroughs, alias Isaac Cothell, late of Somerset county, deceased, was in his lifetime possessed of certain slaves, who were his wife and children, and for whom he held a bill of sale; and whereas, the said Isaac departed this life intestate, without any relations within the fifth degree, by reason of which the whole surplus of his personal estate after payment of debts and expenses of administration, hath devolved upon the State of Maryland.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Authorised to That William W. Handy, administrator of the said Isaac of manumis-Burroughs, alias Cothell be, and he is hereby authorised sion. and empowered to execute a deed of manumission for the said negro slaves, belonging to the estate of said Isaac, to be acknowledged and recorded as other deeds of manumission; provided nevertheless, that nothing here- Provisoes. in contained shall be construed, in any wise, to effect the rights of any administrator of said Isaac, or the claim of said William, for his commission and expenses of administration; and provided also, that said negroes when emancipated, shall be subject to all the provisions of the act entitled, an act relating to the people of color of this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

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