

was sold by contract in writing, to said Stephens by the said William Wrightson in his lifetime; *provided*, the said Stephens shall comply fully with the terms of said contract. CHAP. 271.

CHAPTER 270.

*An act to authorise Mathew K. Mister, of Baltimore City, to bring into this State a certain Negro Slave therein mentioned.* Passed March 9, 1847.

*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 Mathew M. Mister, of Baltimore city, to bring into this State from the State of Mississippi, a negro man named Dennis, a slave for life; *provided*, the said Mathew K. Mister comply with the provisions of the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter fifteen. Authorised to bring negro. Proviso.

CHAPTER 271.

*An act to prevent Frauds in Mortgages and Bills of Sale.* Passed March 9, 1847.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no deed of mortgage or bill of sale shall be valid and effective, except as against the mortgagor or mortgagors, grantor or grantors, unless there be endorsed thereon an affidavit of the mortgagee or mortgagees, grantee or grantees, sworn to before the judge, justice or justices as the case may be, taking the acknowledgment thereof, at the time of the acknowledgment, that the consideration set forth in such deed of mortgage or bill of sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth. Endorsed by affidavit.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any mortgage in any deed of mortgage or grantee in any bill of sale in making the said affidavit, shall swear or affirm falsely and corruptly, he or she shall be considered guilty of perjury, and shall be subject to all the pains and penalties prescribed by law therefor. Guilty of perjury.