

**CHAP. 298.** and that it shall at all times from the organization of the company, be liable to be amended or repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature.

**CHAPTER 298.**

Passed March 6, 1847. *An act for the relief of Charles Lee and others, colored persons.*

Preamble.

**WHEREAS**, it is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of a number of the citizens of Cecil county, that Charles Lee and his wife and children, colored persons, being ignorant of the laws of this State, removed from Cecil county into the State of Pennsylvania, on the twenty-sixth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, for the purpose of seeking employment, and having been greatly disappointed in their reasonable expectations, they are anxious to return to their native county and State, but are unable to do so without the relief sought for by this act—Therefore,

Authorised to remove.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Charles Lee and Ann his wife, and Samuel Lee, Henry Lee, Adam Lee, Savilla Lee, George Lee and Vianna Lee, children of the said Charles and Ann Lee, colored persons be, and they are hereby authorised to remove from the State of Pennsylvania into Cecil county, in this State, for the purpose of residing in said county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *provided,* that each of the free colored persons aforesaid, shall give bond to the State of Maryland, in the penalty of one hundred dollars, with a surety or sureties, to be approved by the orphans court of said county, conditioned that the said colored persons shall not go beyond the limits of the said county, and which bond shall be, after its approval as aforesaid, left with the clerk of Cecil county court for record.

Proviso.

Penalty for violation.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That if any of the aforesaid colored persons shall violate any of the provisions of this act, by going beyond the limits of said county, then it shall be the duty of any justice of the peace for said county, upon being informed of any such violation, to proceed to collect the amount of any such bond, one-half of the amount thereof to go to the informer, and the other half thereof to be paid to the sheriff of said county, to be by him accounted for as other forfeitures and fines.