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CHAPTER 538.

Passed Mar. 9, 1850. *An act relating to Free Negroes, in Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties.*

Free negroes not permitted to return after having left the State

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any free negro, residing in either of the counties of Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's, after having left the State of Maryland, shall return, he or she shall be subject to the penalties imposed on free negroes emigrating into this State, by the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter thirty-eight.

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*An act entitled, an act to make valid a certain Deed therein mentioned.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in the deed from Robert Cruikshanks, and Martha E. Cruikshanks, his wife, conveying certain lands in Kent county to George B. Westwell, and others, the trustees of the poor of said county, which deed bears date on or about the seventh day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, the justices of the peace before whom the said Robert Cruikshanks and wife, executed and acknowledged the said deed, but omitted to sign their names to the said acknowledgment at the time it was taken; *and whereas,* one of the said parties to said deed, and the surviving justice, have certified to the said acknowledgment and execution, and annexed an oath thereto, that the same was made before him and his fellow justice of the peace, who is since dead; *and whereas,* the execution and acknowledgment of the said deed by John D. Cruikshanks and wife, was made before a judge of a court of law and of record, in the State of Louisiana, where the said grantors resided, but is invalid in consequence of the want of a certificate as to the qualification of the said judge—Therefore,

Declared valid

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the acknowledgment of the said deed by the said Robert Cruikshanks and wife, before one justice of the peace, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if it had been made before and certified by