

be made to seize and sell said free negro under the act of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, and it is proper under the circumstances that the provisions of said law should not be enforced against said free negro; Therefore,

Authority to remain.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for William Seymore, a free negro who removed into the State of Maryland, since the passage of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, of eighteen hundred thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, to continue and remain within the limits of the State of Maryland, and that the provisions of the first section of the said law shall not apply to the said William Seymore, but he shall be permitted to remain within said State, and that none of the penalties and disabilities of the said section, of the said act, shall be deemed as having attached to the case of said free negro, but he shall be in all respects exempted therefrom.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 262.

Passed
Mar. 10, 1854.

AN ACT imposing a tax on dogs, to protect the raising of sheep in Kent county.

To be taxed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, all dogs in Kent county, shall be taxed at the following rates, that is to say, for every dog kept by any person or persons, the owner or owners shall pay annually the sum of fifty cents for the first dog, and for each and every one thereafter, the sum twenty-five cents, and it shall be duty of the commissioners, and they are hereby authorised and required to cause an accurate list to be taken annually by some person or persons appointed by them, for that purpose in the said county, of all dogs of three months old and upwards,