

CHAPTER 291.

AN ACT to authorise Thomas Johnson, senior, of Worcester county, to introduce into this State and hold certain negro slaves. Passed Mar. 10, 1854.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that negroes George and James, slaves for life of Thomas Johnson, senior, ranaway from their master and are now desirous of returning to their said master, on condition that they shall not be sold out of the State ; Therefore, Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in case the said negro slaves George and James shall return to their said master Thomas Johnson, senior, he shall have power to hold the said slaves in the same manner as if they had never ranaway and left the State. Power to hold the slaves.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That on the return of said negroes to their said master, they shall not be liable to be convicted on indictment under the act passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter sixty-three, entitled, an act to provide for the recapture of fugitive slaves. Upon return not liable to be convicted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act take effect from its passage. In force.