

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That before the persons mentioned in the foregoing section shall be authorised to avail themselves of the privileges intended to be granted by this act, it shall be the duty of the Orphans Court of Montgomery county, to determine on such testimony as said court may deem sufficient whether they are of good character and able to support their children; and if in the opinion of said court it is expedient to do so, said court may grant a written permit to said free negroes to return to the State of Maryland, a copy of which permit shall be recorded in any manner said Orphans Court may direct, as evidence of the right of said free negroes to return to the State, and which permit shall be sufficient to protect said free negroes in the rights intended to be secured by this act, and if said Orphans Court refuses to grant the permit, all rights intended to be secured to said negroes shall cease, and they shall and may be deemed to be subject to the acts of Assembly which prohibit their return to the State.

Orphans court at its discretion to grant permit.

CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT supplementary to the act to incorporate the South Baltimore Company, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, chapter ninety-six, and the act amendatory of the act to incorporate the South Baltimore Company, passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, chapter one hundred and twenty-two.

Passed March 10, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the South Baltimore Company be and it is hereby authorised to construct a causeway from its property on the west side of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco river, across the mouth of Gwynn's Falls, by piling and filling up on each side of the outlet channel of said Falls, leaving sufficient space to vent the water, and bridging the same, so

Company authorised to construct causeway.