

curity for the faithful performance of such contract or contracts that may be entered into.

CHAPTER 72.

Passed Mar. 6, 1856. AN ACT to authorise William T. G. Polk, administrator of Arnold Cottman, free negro, to execute a deed of manumission for certain slaves therein mentioned.

Preamble WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, that a certain Arnold Cottman, free negro of Somerset county, deceased, was in his lifetime possessed of certain slaves who were his wife and children; and whereas, the said Arnold departed this life intestate, without any legal representatives, by reason of which the whole of his personal estate, after payment of debts and expenses of administration, hath devolved upon the State of Maryland.

Authorised to execute a deed of manumission. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William T. G. Polk, administrator of the said Arnold Cottman, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a deed of manumission for the said negro slaves, belonging to the estate of the said Arnold, to be acknowledged and recorded as other deeds

Provisos. of manumission; *Provided, nevertheless,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed in any wise to effect the rights of any administrator of said Arnold, or the claim of the said William T. G. Polk, for his commission, expenses of administration and trouble; and *Provided also,* That the said negroes when emancipated, shall be subject to all the provisions of the act entitled, "an act relating to the people of color of this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one."

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