CHAPTER 307.

AN ACT to prevent slaves from gaining their Passed March 8, 1858. freedom in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assem-SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assem-bly of Maryland, That no slave who may be condition enti-tled to freedom. hereafter manumitted by deed or will, upon condition that the said slave shall leave this State, or upon any other condition or contingency, shall be entitled to freedom, until the said condition shall have been performed, or the specified contingency shall have happened.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That no slave shall hereafter be manumitted by deed or will, unless mitted only between certain the said slave is, at the date of the manumission, ages. above the age of ten and under the age of fortyfive years, and able to gain a livelihood and support by labor.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall Inforce. take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to make valid certain deeds, and to Passed March and to regulate the recording of the same. 9, 1858.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General As- Made valid, embly of Maryland, That any deed properly executed and acknowledged prior to or since the passage of the act of eighteen hundred and fiftysix, chapter one hundred and fifty-four, but recorded since that act went into operation, or which may be recorded within six months after the passage of this act, be and the same is hereby declared to be as valid for all purposes as if it had been recorded prior to the passage of the act of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, chapter one hundred and fifty-four; Provided, that Proviso. nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prejudice the rights or interests of bona fide

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