

CHAPTER 307.

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

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no slave who may be 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. Upon what condition entitled to freedom.

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

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

CHAPTER 308.

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

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any deed properly executed and acknowledged prior to or since the passage of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, 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 nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prejudice the rights or interests of *bona fide* Made valid. Proviso.