

tracts and parts of tracts into one entire tract, and called it the **CHAP. 18.**  
 "Verdant Retreat;" therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a patent may issue to the said Jesse Hughes for "Verdant Retreat," in conformity with the said warrant and certificate, on the payment of the fees of office only, without the payment of any moneys to the state for the same; Provided, that nothing in this act contained shall affect any rights which have accrued previous to the passage of this act.*

Patent directed to be issued to him

Provided

**CHAP. XIX.**

An Act for the benefit of James Scott, of Allegany county.

Passed Dec 21

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Edward M·Carty residing on the river Potomac, in the county of Hampshire, and state of Virginia, about fifteen miles from Cumberland in Allegany county, in this state, now holds, and for several years last past has held and owned, a negro woman slave named Susan, of the age of about twenty-five years, with her two male children, one named Nathaniel, about four years old, and the other named Thornton, about two years old, and is, and for a considerable time has been, desirous of selling the said slaves; and that James Scott, of Cumberland aforesaid, who is an intimate friend and connection by marriage of the said Edward M·Carty, is desirous of purchasing the said slaves for his own use, and has actually contracted with the said Edward M·Carty for their purchase, provided permission can be obtained from the legislature of this state for their introduction: And whereas, it appears to the satisfaction of the general assembly, that the said representation is true, and also that the said woman Susan, is desirous of being sold with her said children to the said James Scott, who has petitioned the general assembly for an act granting permission to introduce her and her children into this state; the prayer of which petition, under these special circumstances, is reasonable and ought to be granted; Therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said James Scott be and he is hereby authorised, to remove from Virginia into this state, the said negro woman slave named Susan, and her two male children aforesaid; Provided, said James Scott shall cause said negro slaves, Susan, Nathaniel and Thornton, to be registered in the office of the clerk of Allegany county court, within three months after said removal, and the said negroes shall not be sold to any person residing out of the state, or for the purpose of being removed therefrom, until the expiration of three years after they shall be brought into this state.*

Authorised to remove slaves into state

**CHAP. XX.**

An Act to repeal part of an Act therein mentioned.

Passed Dec 21

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the ninth section of the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Nanticoke river, at or near Vienna, in Dorchester county, as enjoins it upon said company to have buoys fixed on each side of the draw, with ropes sufficient to warp vessels through, whenever the winds or current may render it necessary, be and the same is hereby repealed.*

Part of act repealed