

tending members, and minutes of the proceedings, shall be recorded in a book to be provided and kept for the purpose. Dec. Ses. 1821.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the original subscribers in this company and their assignees, transferees and legal representatives, forever, shall be taken and considered to all intents and purposes as members of this company, and shall be entitled to and receive all the rights, benefits and advantages arising from the same by all ways and means whatever, in proportion to the amount of stock paid in, or held by them respectively: *Provided always*, that no transfer shall be made, or deemed valid, unless it be to a citizen of the United States residing in the state of Maryland, and entered in the books of the company, in such manner as the president and directors shall prescribe. Original subscribers, &c to be members.
Proviso.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall be and remain in full force and virtue until the year eighteen hundred and fifty, and thence until the end of the next session of the general assembly thereafter. Duration.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That immediately on the expiration of this act, or the dissolution of this company, effectual measures shall be taken by the then president and directors, to close all concerns thereof, and for making a final dividend of the capital stock and profits then remaining among the holders thereof, in proportion to their respective interests. Dissolution.

CHAPTER 173.

An act for the benefit of William West.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Nathan Gordey, of Worcester county, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to give to his son-in-law William West, of the state of Delaware, his manumitted servant Keziah; and the said William West, of the state of Delaware, is hereby authorised and empowered to export and carry into the state of Delaware, the said manumitted negro woman called Keziah, and her to retain as his servant for and during the time of her servitude, without they or either of them incurring the penalty of the act of assembly passed at November session eighteen hundred and ten, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves, and the act entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes and to alter and amend the laws concerning run-aways, passed at November session eighteen hundred and seventeen.

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May export,
&c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this law shall have no effect or operation unless the said William West shall file among the records of the county to which the said negro shall be removed as aforesaid, the evidence of the manumission of the said negro, and file an authenticated copy of such record from the said county court of Worcester, within twenty days after such removal. And if such records are not filed as aforesaid, the said William West shall be liable to all the pains and penalties provided by the laws against those removing free negroes from this state.

Evidence of
manumission
to be filed.

CHAPTER 174.

An act for the relief of the Poor of Anne-Arundel county, being supplementary to the act entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of the several counties therein mentioned.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That

Passed Feb. 20,
1822.

Powers of trustees to cease.