

CHAPTER 28.

An act for the benefit of Michael C. Sprigg, of Allegany county.
 BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at any time after the passage of this act, Michael C Sprigg, of Allegany county, in said state, be, and he is hereby authorised, to bring into this state, and them to retain as slaves, a certain negro woman named Genny, and her child named Butler, by him purchased in the state of Virginia; any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided nevertheless,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to authorise a disposition of said slaves, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and dispositions by law for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy, in less than three whole years after the passage of this act; *And provided moreover,* That the said Michael C. Sprigg shall cause the said negroes to be registered in the records of Allegany county, within six months after they shall have been brought into this state.

Dec Ses 1821.

Passed Jan. 4, 1822.

May import his slave Genny & her child.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 29.

An act to confirm "An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Washington county into five election districts, and for other purposes," passed at the last session.

Passed Jan. 4, 1822.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the "Act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Washington county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes," passed at the last session, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Confirmation

CHAPTER 30.

An act for the benefit of Charles Key Bruce.

WHEREAS, It appears to the general assembly of Maryland, That Charles Key Bruce was born in this state, and that he left the same for Europe, before the year seventeen hundred and seventy-three, to be educated; that he there devoted himself to the study of medicine, and in very early life left there for the East Indies, where he was engaged in professional pursuits; that his father and family remained in this country, and were active supporters of the struggle in which the United States were engaged for independence; that the said Charles Key Bruce has lately returned to this state, with a view of taking up his permanent residence here; that his father Normand Bruce, willed him considerable property, and that the said Charles Key Bruce is fearful lest his title to the same may be questioned, and has prayed that this general assembly may, for his security, pass a law confirming his title in and to the same:

Passed Jan. 7, 1822.
 Preamble.

SEC. 1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said Charles Key Bruce, to have, hold, possess and enjoy, all property, both real and mixed, which has been, or shall hereafter be acquired by him, by gift, grant, purchase, devise or descent, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as the said Charles Key Bruce would have been entitled to hold, possess and enjoy the same, if the said Charles K. Bruce, had always remained in this state.

May hold property.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any real property devised, purchased or acquired by the said Charles Key Bruce, is escheata-

State title relinquished.