

Virginia, into this state, at any time or times, within twelve months from the passage of this act, the said three negro slaves, to wit: Josiah, Beckey and Sam, to be held by him as the property of his said wards, in the same manner as if the said negroes had never resided in the state of Virginia, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall in any manner be so construed, as to give the said negroes Josiah, Beckey and Sam, any claim whatever to freedom; *Provided also*, That the said Christian Kemp have the names and ages of said negroes recorded in the clerk's office for Frederick county court, within three months after such removal.

Dec. Ses. 1821.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 80.

*An act for the relief of the children and wife of John Vincent Cooksey, of Charles county.*

Passed Jan. 21, 1822.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It appears to this general assembly, that John Vincent Cooksey, late of Charles county, was tried and convicted of murder, and that he was sentenced to execution therefor, and has since escaped, leaving considerable real and personal property, and a wife and three children, and some legislative provisions are required for their protection—Therefore,

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Orphans' Court of Charles county, shall have authority to appoint a trustee or trustees to take possession of all the estate, real, personal and mixed, of John Vincent Cooksey, and to apply the same to the support and maintenance of the now wife of the said Cooksey, and to the support, maintenance and education of his three children; *Provided*, That said trustee give bond with security to be approved of by said court, conditioned for his faithful performance of the trust created by this act.

Trustee.

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2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That said trustee shall annually report in writing to said court, the situation of said trust estate, shewing particularly the value of said estate on hand, the expenses of the support of the wife, and the support and education of the children for the year.

To report.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said court shall have authority to appoint another trustee to carry into effect the provisions of this act, on the death or removal out of the county of any such trustee by them appointed.

Death of trustee.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this trust shall cease and expire if the said John Vincent Cooksey should be pardoned and return to this state to reside, or should die; and that the trustee appointed by this act shall have complete authority to make any contract or contracts relating to said trust property, and to bring such suits in his own name as may be necessary to enforce said contract or contracts, and to preserve any of the estate, real, personal or mixed, that he may get by virtue of this act, and to appear to, and prosecute or defend all suits now brought or hereafter to be brought, to which said Cooksey may be a party; *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or in any way impair any bona fide contract or contracts now made, or that may hereafter be made by said John Vincent Cooksey, relating to or concerning any of the said property or estate of said Cooksey.

Powers and authority.

Proviso.