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Passed Jan.
18, 1823.
Preamble.

CHAPTER 54.

An act for the benefit of Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth, people of colour.

WHEREAS, Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth people of colour have represented to this General Assembly, that they were manumated by a certain William Jinkins, late of Loudon county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, by his last will and testament, and that among other provisions in said will, in favor of the said Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth the testator directed certain sums due him on bonds to be applied to the purchase of Land, for the use of the said Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth during their lives, all which appears to be true; they further represent, that the personal representatives of the said William Jinkins, did purchase with the amount of the said bonds, a small Island in the Potomac river for them, the said Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth to be held by them during their lives, but inasmuch as all Islands are held to be within the State of Maryland, it being doubtful whether they the said Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth can have the use and occupancy of said Island without the aid of the legislature; Therefore,

Permission

Section. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Samuel, Lucy, Ann, Polly and Elizabeth, are hereby permitted to reside in the State of Maryland, upon the terms heretofore allowed to free negroes by the laws of this state, and to have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy to them, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, any property which they may have become entitled to, by the grant, gift, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever.

Exempted.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That they shall not be prosecuted in any form whatever for any forfeiture or penalty already incurred by reason of their emigrating or settling on the Island aforesaid, and they are hereby declared to be exempt from the same.

CHAPTER 55.

Passed Jan. 17, 1823. *An act authorising the appointment of a trustee for the sale of the remaining part of the Nanticoke Indian Lands in Dorchester county.*

Trustee.

Section. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, is authorised and empowered to appoint a trustee to sell the remainder of the Nanticoke Indian lands, lying in Dorchester county, upon such terms as the Governor and Council may prescribe and direct.

Bond.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the trustee appointed in virtue of this act, before he proceeds to exercise any of the powers vested in him by virtue of said appointment, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, in such penalty and with such security, as the Governor and Council shall approve, for the faithful performance of all and singular the powers, by this act directed to be vested in him.

Provido:

3. *Provided always, and be it enacted,* That no sale made by virtue of this act shall be good and valid unless the same be approved of by the Governor and Council.

Empowered to convey.

4. *And be it enacted,* That upon the payment of the whole of the purchase money, the said trustee shall convey the said lot of land to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, which conveyance being duly made, shall be valid and effectual to convey all the right, title, claim and interest, of the state of Maryland of in and to the said land.