

Proviso. their freedom, *Provided*, that the said negroes when removed agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall be registered among the records of Baltimore county court, within three months after their arrival in this state.

Sale prohibited. 2. *And be it enacted*, 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 years after the passage of this act

CHAPTER 161.

Passed Feb
18, 1823.
Preamble.

An act in favour of Robert Wright, Senr. of Queen Ann's County.

WHEREAS, Robert Wright, senr. of Queen Ann's county, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that in the year eighteen hundred and twenty two, he intermarried with a lady originally of Virginia, and then of the district of Columbia, in right of whom he became entitled to a negro lad named Lewis, and a negro girl named Nancy, residing in said district, and without a law for that purpose he cannot remove the said negroes; Therefore,

Importslaves

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Robert Wright, senr. his executors, or administrators, at any time within twelve months after the passage of this act, to bring into this state said negroes named Lewis and Nancy, and to have and to hold the said negroes as slaves as fully and amply as if they had never been removed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided*, that the said Robert Wright, senr. shall within six months after the passage of this act, make out and deliver to the clerk of Queen Ann's county court, a list of said slaves, stating their ages, names and sexes; which list the said clerk is hereby empowered and directed to record; *And provided also*, 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 years after the passage of this act.

Provisos.

CHAPTER 162.

An act concerning Joint Tenancy.

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18, 1823.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no deed devise or other instrument of writing which may hereafter be made or executed, shall be construed to create an estate in joint tenancy, unless in such deed, devise, or other instrument of writing, it is expressly provided that the property conveyed by such deed, devise, or other instrument of writing is to be held in joint tenancy.

CHAPTER 163.

A supplement to the act entitled, An act relating to the paving of certain streets in the city of Baltimore.

Passed Feb.
18, 1823.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the general assembly of Maryland, that doubts have been entertained whether the said act to which this is a supplement is sufficient to vest in the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the powers intended to be granted to them by the said act of assembly; Therefore,

Authority to pave.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby