

C H A P.
XLVIII.

be so employed by them, may freely, and at the will and pleasure of the said Johnsons and Clapham, or any or either of them, from time to time, be removed and brought from the iron-works of them the said Johnsons and Clapham in Virginia, into this state, and be employed in their service, or the service of any or either of them, in or about any labour or business for or concerning either of the said iron-works, and that no slave shall thereby become free, or any penalty be incurred, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that no slave who is now a resident of Virginia, and who may be removed in virtue of this act for the purposes aforesaid, shall be sold within this state, unless by *feri facias*, and if any such slave shall be sold, unless by *feri facias*, shall thereupon immediately cease to be a slave, and shall be free.

C H A P. XLIX.

An ACT to prevent the setting on fire the Catoctin, South, and North mountains.

Passed De-
cember 22.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, that that part of the Catoctin mountain lying in the said county, is frequently set on fire, whereby the growth of young timber is much injured, and the farms situate on and adjacent to the said mountain greatly endangered, and praying that a law might pass, prohibiting any person or persons from setting the said mountain on fire, and the prayer of said petition being reasonable: And whereas it appears to this general assembly that the growth of young timber, and the farms situate on and adjacent to the South mountain, lying part in Frederick county and part in Washington county, and the North mountain, lying in Washington county, and all mountains west of the said North mountain, lying in the county last aforesaid, are equally injured and endangered; therefore,

Penalty for
setting moun-
tains on fire,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons shall set the said mountains, or either of them, or any part of them, on fire, so that the said fire injures the growth of the said young timber, or endangers the farms situate on or adjacent to the said mountains, or either of them, or any part of them, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty pounds current money, to be recovered in the county court of Frederick or Washington county as the case may be, by bill of indictment or action of debt, one half thereof to the person or persons who shall prosecute for the same, the other half to the use of the county, as the case may be; provided always, that nothing therein contained shall be construed to extend to any person or persons setting fire to their own lands on said mountain, or either of them, or any part of them, provided the said fire is not communicated therefrom.

C H A P. L.

Passed De-
cember 22.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to empower Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, Alexander Cowan, Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer and Benjamin Nicholson, to sell and dispose of certain lands for the purposes herein after mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the trustees in the said act mentioned took upon themselves the trust by the said act reposed in them, and according to the directions of the said act, did make sale of the lands therein mentioned, but, in consequence of the whole purchase money not having been yet paid, no deeds have been executed to the purchaser or purchasers, and that all the trustees in the said act mentioned are since dead, except his excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, and the aforementioned Sarah Buchanan, who hath since intermarried with a certain Robert Turnbull, of the commonwealth of Virginia; and it being requisite, that when the purchase money is paid, some person should be authorized and empowered to execute deeds for the said lands,

II. Be