

corded, as deeds or wills to convey or devise real estate are now required by law to be executed, acknowledged and recorded, and,"

Sec. 3, line 9, strike out the word "heirs," and insert "heir or heirs at law."

After section 5, insert the following sections:

"Sec. 6. And be it enacted, that no sale, gift, devise, bequest or legacy of any slave to any negro or mulatto shall be valid or pass any property whatever, but every such sale, gift, devise, bequest or legacy shall be void, and of none effect."

"Sec. 7. And be it enacted, that no slave shall hereafter become free and manumitted by reason of any forfeiture."

"Sec. 8. And be it enacted, that emancipation or manumission shall in no case be presumed to have taken effect by reason of any prescription or lapse of time."

"Section 9. And be it enacted, That all acts now in force, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, or any of them, be and the same are hereby repealed;"

Which were assented to.

Mr. Mackubin proposed the following amendment:

Section 4, line 5, after the word "State," insert "except upon the condition now allowed by law ;"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Wickes proposed the following amendment:

Add section 11. "And be it enacted, That this act shall not apply to Kent and Cecil counties ;"

The yeas and nays being demanded on the amendment, appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Wickes,	Ford, of Cecil,	Smith, of B. city,
Meginnis,	Contee,	Kennard,
Mackubin,	Landing,	Harrington,
Stonestreet,	Hearn,	Forrest,
Ford, of Balt. co.	Harding,	Alexander,
Lynch, of Balt. co.	Root,	Summers,
Goldsborough,	Koons,	Duvall,
Moore,	Baker,	Barnard,
Sudler, of Som.	Todd,	Mountz,
Richardson,	Stirling,	Dorsey—31.
Davis,		

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r,	Grieves,	McPherson,
Griffiss,	Kidd,	Crowley,