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IN COUNCIL,

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Ordered, That the Act passed at the December session eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, be published once in each week, for the space of six months, in the Maryland Gazette and Annapolis, the Federal Gazette and Federal Republican at Baltimore, the Frederick town Herald, the Torch Light at Hagerstown, the Western Herald at Cumberland, and the Eastern Gazette by order.

NINTIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

AN ACT

To prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways. Whereas, the laws heretofore enacted for preventing the kidnapping of negroes and mulattoes, and of exporting out of this state negroes and mulattoes entitled to their freedom, have been found insufficient to restrain the commission of such crimes and misdemeanors; and whereas it has been found that servants and slaves have been seduced from the service of their masters, and fraudulently removed out of this state; and that the children of such negroes and mulattoes have been snatched from their masters, protected parents, and transported to distant places, and sold as slaves for the purpose of preventing such heinous crimes, and to punish them when committed.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the publication of this act, no person shall sell or dispose of any servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, after any particular time, or upon any contingency, knowing the said servant or slave to be entitled to freedom as aforesaid, to any person who shall be at the time of such sale a bona fide resident of this state, and who has been a resident therein for the space of at least one year next preceding such sale, or to any person whomsoever who shall be procured, engaged, employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a resident as aforesaid, and if any person claiming possession, or being entitled to such servant or slave, shall sell or dispose of him or her to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, knowing that such person is a resident as aforesaid, or to any person who shall be procured, engaged, employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a resident, knowing the servant or slave to be so procured, engaged, or employed, or who shall sell or dispose of such servant or slave for more than one year, or for a longer term than he or she is bound to serve, or any such person making any such sale or disposition contrary to the meaning and intention of this act, shall be liable to indictment in the county where such sale or sale be made, and on conviction shall be sentenced to undergo confinement in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, and such servant or slave shall be sold to the discretion of the court; and any person who may be sold contrary to the provisions of this act, to any person who is a resident as aforesaid, or to any person who shall be procured, engaged, employed, to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a resident as aforesaid, shall be sold by the court for the time he or she may have to serve, for the benefit of the county where such conviction shall be had, or for the use of the mayor and city council of Baltimore if the conviction shall be had in Baltimore.

And be it enacted, That if any person who is not a bona fide resident of this state, and who has not resided in this state for the space of at least one year next preceding such purchase, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave, who is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, knowing that such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, or if any person whomsoever who shall be procured, engaged or employed to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being a resident as aforesaid, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave entitled to freedom as aforesaid, know-

ing that such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, with an intention to transport such servant or slave out of the state, every such person making any such purchase or contract, contrary to the meaning of this act, shall be liable to be indicted in any county court in this state where he may be found, and on conviction shall undergo confinement in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years, and such slave or slaves shall be sold by order of the court for the unexpired time of their servitude, for the use of the county in which such conviction shall be had, or for the use of the mayor and city council if such conviction shall be had in Baltimore city court; provided nevertheless that if any such person who shall have purchased or received such servant or slave, without knowing of his or her title to freedom after a term of years, or after any particular time, or upon any contingency, shall immediately after knowing thereof, give information on oath, or affirmation, to one of the justices of the peace of the county where the seller shall reside, or in the county where such person may reside, or the sale may have been made, of such sale and purchase, the person so purchasing or receiving shall not be liable to prosecution or the punishment as aforesaid.

3. And be it enacted, That no sale of any servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, or after any particular time, or upon any contingency, or in whom the seller is entitled for a term of years or limited time, with the reversion in some other person or persons, shall be valid and effectual in law to transfer any right or title in or to such servant or slave, unless the same be in writing under the hands and seals of both the seller, or his or her authorised agent, and the purchaser, in which the period and terms of servitude or slavery, and the interest of the seller, and also the residence of the purchaser, shall be stated, and the same be acknowledged by said purchaser and seller, or his or her authorised agent, before a justice of the peace in the county where such sale shall be made, and recorded among the records of the county court of said county, within twenty days after such acknowledgment; and if any such sale should be made, and a bill of sale so as aforesaid should not be so executed, acknowledged and recorded, or in case the true time or condition of the slavery or servitude of such servant or slave, and the residence of said purchaser, should not be therein stated, then and in such case every such servant or slave, entitled to freedom after a term of years, or after any particular time, or on any contingency, shall be thereupon free, unless the court or jury who may decide upon the question in a trial, if a petition for freedom, under the foregoing provision, shall be of the opinion that no fraud was intended by the omission of any one of the requisites aforesaid, and in case any other person shall be entitled to a reversion or remainder in said slave, then the said servant or slave shall become the right and property of the said person entitled immediately to such reversion or remainder, in the same manner as if the event or time in which the reversion or remainder was to accrue had actually occurred, unless the court or jury who may decide upon the accrual of such reversion or reversion under the foregoing provision, shall be of the opinion that no fraud was intended by the omission of any one of the requisites aforesaid.

4. And be it enacted, That whenever any person shall purchase any slave or slaves within this state, for the purpose of exporting or removing the same beyond the limits of this state, it shall be their duty to take from the seller a bill of sale for said slave or slaves, in which the age and distinguishing marks, as nearly as may be, and the name of such slave or slaves, shall be inserted, and the same shall be acknowledged before some justice of the peace of the county where the sale shall be made, and lodged to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the said county, within twenty days, and the clerk shall immediately on the receipt thereof, actually record the same, and deliver a copy thereof, on demand, to the purchaser, with a certificate endorsed thereupon, under the seal of the county or the same being duly recorded, on receiving the legal fees for so recording and authenticating the same.

5. And be it enacted, That if any person who shall so have purchased any slave or slaves for exportation or removal from the state of Maryland, shall have the same in any county within this state, and information be lodged with any judge or justice of the peace, supported by oath or affirmation, that the deponent or affirmant has reasonable ground to believe that such person, who shall so have such slave or slaves in his possession, is about to export and remove them from the state, contrary to law, it shall be the duty of such judge or justice of the peace to proceed to the house or place where such slaves may be, and such judge or justice is

hereby empowered and required to enter into any such house or place where such slave or slaves may be, and to demand of the person or persons in whose custody the said slave or slaves may be, an inspection and examination of said slave or slaves, and also of the bills of sale for them respectively, and if upon such demand and examination no bill or bills of sale are produced for either or any such slave or slaves, or if the bills of sale produced shall not have been executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to the provisions herein contained, that the description of any such slave or slaves shall be, in the judgment of such judge or justice of the peace false or fraudulent, then it shall be the duty of such judge or justice of the peace to cause such slave or slaves, for whom no bill of sale is produced, or for whom a false or fraudulent bill of sale is produced, to go before some judge or justice of the peace of the county aforesaid, and the person or persons who has or have said slave or slaves in possession shall also appear, and enter into recognizance before the same judge or justice of the peace, with two sufficient securities in the sum of one thousand dollars, for every such servant or slave in his, her, or their possession, without bills of sale as is herein provided for, to appear at the next county court to answer to the petition of said slave or slaves; and if such judge or justice shall have reason to suspect that such slave or slaves have been stolen by such person or persons, or received by them knowing them to be stolen, or that they had knowingly aided therein, in such cases the recognizance shall provide for their answering such offence; and if such person or persons, so having such slave or slaves, shall refuse or neglect to appear into such recognizance, then such judge or justice of the peace shall commit said person or persons, and said slave or slaves, to the goal of the county; and the said judge or justice of the peace shall make return of said commitment to the county court, or Baltimore city court if then in session, and if not in session then to the next term of said courts respectively; or if such person, having entered into such recognizance, shall refuse to appear agreeably thereto, or if having appeared it shall appear that such slave or slaves is or are entitled to freedom, then the court shall adjudge them free, and if said court shall adjudge them to be slaves for life, or for a term of years, and it shall appear that said slave or slaves shall have been purchased with intent to remove them from the state of Maryland, and no bill of sale for the same shall have been taken for such slave or slaves, or a false or fraudulent bill of sale, then the said court shall order such slave to be sold for the time such slave may have to serve, for the benefit of the county, or for the mayor and city council of Baltimore, if the aforesaid proceedings should be had in Baltimore city court; but if any slave or slaves, after a term of years, or upon any contingency, then the said servant or slave shall become immediately the right and property of the said person entitled to such reversion or remainder, in the same manner as if the event or time in which the reversion or remainder was to accrue had actually occurred; Provided, that the said person, so entitled to the reversion or remainder, shall pay the costs of the proceedings which may have been had in the case, otherwise the said servant or slave shall be sold for the use of the county, or the mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the time he or she may have been bound to serve the person who sold said servant or slave; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the case of any citizen removing from the state of Maryland with his servants and slaves, provided such citizen shall have resided within the state one year next preceding such removal, or to any person travelling with his or her servants or slaves in or through the state, not purchased with intent to export the same within the meaning of this act.

6. And be it enacted, That hereafter when any servant or slave shall be committed to the goal of any county in this state, as a runaway, agreeably to the laws now in force, and the notice required to be given by law by the sheriff shall have been given, and the time for their detention expired, and no person or persons shall have applied for and claimed said suspected runaway, and provided his, her, or their title to such suspected runaway, as is now required by law, it shall be the duty of the sheriff forthwith to carry such slave or slaves before some judge of the county court, or judge of the orphan court, with his commitment, and such judge is hereby required to examine and inquire, by such means as he may deem most advisable, whether such suspected runaway be a slave or not, and if he shall have reasonable grounds to believe that such suspected runaway is a slave, he may remand such suspected runaway to prison, to be confined for such further or additional

time as he may judge right and proper; and if he shall have reason to believe that such suspected runaway is the slave of any particular person, he shall cause such notice to be given by the sheriff, to such supposed owner, as he may think most advisable, but if said judge shall not have reasonable ground to believe such suspected runaway to be a slave, he shall forthwith order such suspected runaway to be released, and if no person shall apply for such suspected runaway, after he may be so remanded, within the time for which he may be remanded, and provide his, her or their title as the law now requires, the said sheriff, shall, at the expiration of such time, relieve and discharge such suspected runaway, and in either case when such suspected runaway shall be discharged, the expenses of keeping such runaway in confinement shall be levied on the county as other county expenses are now levied.

7. And be it enacted, That in all cases where jurisdiction, power and authority, are given by this act to the several county courts in this state, for matters arising in said counties, the same power and jurisdiction is hereby vested exclusively in Baltimore city court, for all matters arising in Baltimore county or city, and not in Baltimore county court.

8. And be it enacted, That this law shall not take effect until after the first day of July next, and the governor and council be directed, and they are hereby directed, to publish this law once a week for six months from the passage thereof in the newspapers in which the laws or orders of this state are generally published.

Land for Sale. Will be sold at private sale, the Farm where the subscriber formerly resided, being part of the tracts of Land called "The Connexion and Woodward's Inclosure," but generally known by the name of the "Black Horse." This farm contains about three hundred acres of land, and is about one mile distant from the river Severn, more than half in wood, well watered and stocked with an abundance and a great variety of fruit trees, with every necessary building thereon. Terms made known, and the property shewn to any person inclined to purchase, by applying to the subscriber. Lancelot Warfield, March 5, 1818.

Coarse Linen Shirts. The Charitable Society, having employed the industrious poor of this city, in manufacturing the above articles, they are deposited for sale at the stores of Joseph Sands and George Shaw. Annapolis, June 18, 1818.

Prince-George's County, to wit: I hereby certify, that William Swaine, of said county, brought before me, as a stray he passing on his enclosures, a Bay Mare, about eight years old, 14 hands 2 inches high, no perceivable brand or mark, with tail, trots and canthers, and has been worked in geers. Given under hand of me, one of the justices of the peace in and for said county, this 25th day of May, 1818. JOHN YOUNG.

FOR SALE For a term of five years, NEGRO FRANK, the property of the subscriber. Frank is a Baker by profession, and an excellent Water. For terms apply to the subscriber. Frederick Grammer, May 21, 1818.

SUBSCRIBERS To Robbins' Journal, Are informed that the work is received and ready for delivery, at the Book Store of Mr. Geo. Shaw, and at the Office of the Maryland Gazette. Feb 11.

PUBLIC CIRCLE. The subscribers being in want of Materials for the improvement and embellishment of the Public Circle, about to be made to enclose the State House, are ready to receive immediate proposals for the delivery of Paving Bricks, Building & Kirb Stones, Lime, Gravel and Sand. Seventy-five Cents a day will be given for sober, steady, industrious Labourers, to remove earth, &c. after the 18th inst. Henry Magdaler, Jeremiah Hughes, F. Hollingsworth, Annapolis, 14th May, 1818.

State of Maryland, sc. Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, April 25, 1818.

On application by petition of Jacob Williams, executor of the last will and testament of Ann Marsh, late of A. A. county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Ann Marsh, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 4th day of August next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 25th day of April, 1818. Jacob Williams, ex'r.

June 11, 1818.

CHARLES FRAZIER, SIDLER,

Intending to remove from this city request all persons indebted to him for work to come forward immediately and settle their accounts, as a longer indulgence than three weeks from the date hereof, will not be given. Those who fail to comply may expect their accounts to be placed in the hands of an officer, who will be directed to proceed against them according to law. Annapolis June 11, 1818. 3v.

State of Maryland, sc. Anne-Arundel county, Orphans Court, May 26, 1818.

On application by petition of Osborn Belt, jun administrator of Osborn Belt, senr late of A. A. County, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer. John Gassaway Reg. Wills, A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber of Prince-George's county, hath obtained from the orphans court of A. A. county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Osborn Belt, senr late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 26th day of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 26th day of May, 1818. Osborn Belt, jun. adm'r.

May 25, 1818.

SEVERN CHURCH NOTICE.

The Subscribers to Severn Church, who have actually paid their respective subscriptions are invited to call at the Rising Sun Tavern, where the accounts relating to the Church are deposited, and where they will be left for sixty days, in order that they may see how their money has been applied, as also what amount is due from the subscribers, and what balance is due the Trustees. Matthias Hammond, Trustees. Augustine Gambrell, 3v.

Baltimore and West River Packet.

The subscriber having purchased of the Messrs. Barbers that large convenient, and swift sailing Schooner, EDWARD LLOYD, has commenced running her as a regular packet from West River to Baltimore. She will leave West River every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock for Baltimore—returning, leave Baltimore every Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. He has engaged Capt. Henry Crandell, a skilful and industrious man, to take charge of her. Passengers may be assured that they will meet with the best accommodations. All orders left at his store at West River will be punctually attended to. WILLIAM NORMAN, June 11, 1818.

George & John Barber

Desirous of accommodating their friends and the public, have at considerable expense built and equipped new vessels for the purpose of sailing them as Pack Boats between this City and Baltimore. The cabins, are spacious, elegant, and airy, and provided with every thing necessary to promote the convenience and comfort of passengers. Every exertion will be made to insure speedy and safe passages, and to ensure the best fare for the best fare for their tables. One of their Boats will sail from this place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, for Baltimore, and the other leave Baltimore for this place every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, and every Wednesday and Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

They will continue to perform, for their steady friends and supporters, all business with which they may be entrusted, but to avoid being injured by mistakes, they decline holding themselves responsible for letters, or any thing which they may be sent to contain.

They keep a Double-barge, well built schooner, which will take freight to any place on the Chesapeake Bay—the charge of Captain Spencer, a careful and experienced skipper. Persons wishing to employ her are requested to make application at either of their stores situated near the dock.

We will embrace this opportunity of noticing the illiberal treatment which we have received from the few of our fellow citizens who are so blind to the welfare of Annapolis, which should ever have a line of Packets of her own, as diligently to continue the interference of strangers with our line, and who carry their hostility towards us so far, as when called from home themselves, in preference to going with us to give more than our price for a passage, to go with those whose interests are by no means connected with Annapolis, and those who live in a town which is not inimical to her, and who it is highly would, if our vessels were taken from her, and it should happen no longer to be their own convenience to continue upon their own off likewise, and thus leave the citizens of this place destitute of a vessel to carry to Baltimore. But what makes the treatment, of which we complain, appear in our view so very ungenerous, is that the very persons who thus carry our business, have, when it was needed, requested us to transact business with them in Baltimore—a thing we have never refused to do, though we have never asked or received compensation for the same. Such conduct, then, the candid and upright must agree with us, is illiberal and unbecomingly, would, after patiently submitting to it more than twelve months, to be treated in this manner.

It has been said that we ought to procure a Steam-Boat—this would doubtless be highly gratifying to the public, to whom we must say we are grateful for past encouragement, and to please whom we would hesitate to do any thing consistent with our own safety, but when we take into consideration the first cost of such an establishment, the extensive patronage which would be necessary to support it, and the present unprofitableness of the line of Packets between this and Baltimore, we were brought inessentially to conclude that such a step, on our part, would be nothing short of foolishly dissipating & wasting the savings of our past lives, and sending the savings of our present lives, to those who are not immediately talked of what we ought to bear in mind, that the abolition of the general court, the sitting of the funds from the College, and the late act siting the time of the meeting of the General Assembly from a season of the year when the weather is usually clement, and our Packets are running, to a time when they are laid up, and the account of its temptatiousness, have tended to reduce the receipts of the line so low, as to be little more than sufficient to defray the expense attendant upon it, and not to compensate us for the services of our employes. We might here say, that we are more profitable putment, let them examine our books for the two last years, and then if they find what we say is not correct, let them expose the matter to the world. Still in default of this, if there are, among those whose names for a Steam-Boat has led them to talk so loudly in favour of one, any true friends who will come forward and contribute a proportionate part of the cost of building and running such a vessel, we will unite with them in putting one on the line. If there are none such to be found, because of the great hazard and danger attending it, we hope so without success against us, for not doing so without success, we will not suffer any declension on that account.

We now assure of firm friends, whenever Annapolis improves so far as to promise support adequate to the expense, we will furnish ourselves with a Steam-Boat equal to any belonging to the Chesapeake, and until such time arrives, we will employ a man ought to expect us, since we are so.

Annapolis, June 10, 1818.

SEVERN CHURCH NOTICE.

The Subscribers to Severn Church, who have actually paid their respective subscriptions, are invited to call at the Rising Sun Tavern, where the accounts relating to the Church are deposited, and where they will be left for sixty days, in order that they may see how their money has been applied, as also what amount is due from the subscribers, and what balance is due the Trustees. Matthias Hammond, Trustees. Augustine Gambrell, 3v. June 11, 1818.

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erty of the law is the hap- of Americans; and it is ve- for us Americans that we liberty to go to law. Mobile Gaz.

EPICRAM. Letsom, once died, in the bers, which were filled with gyrics. He resuscitated af- s, and the account of his as traced to his own pen. wrote the following epigram circumstance: I says, I'm dead—I says they es. I bleeds, I sweats 'em; their fees, and then they dies! I all my heart—I. Letsom.

ce is hereby given, the sub-criber has obtained from the court of Anne-Arundel letters of administration on the estate of James Price, late of A. A. county, deceased. All persons claiming against the estate of said d, are requested to produce legally authenticated, and those to make immediate payment. LEONARD GARY, adm'r.

aw & Cheap Goods. RIFIED & RIDGELY. e just received, and offer for Sale, a HANDSOME ASSORTMENT of English, French and German GOODS,

le to this and the approaching to wit: 6-4 & 1-4 Cambric do. Muslins, do. Mull do. Stripes do. Book do. Stripe & plaid Gingham, do. Super London prints, do. Ladies white & coloured Kid & Silk Gloves, do. Parasols, do.

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Also their usual assortment of Groceries, QUEEN'S WARE, & Ironmongery.

LIKEWISE, THE LIVERPOOL SALT.

ll which they will dispose of Cheap Cash—and to their punctual cus- on accommodating terms if. Sheriff's Sale. The virtue of sundry writs of fieri facias to me directed, from the court of Prince-George's and Anne Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale, on Monday the 19th day of June, at Mr. nes Hunter's Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, at 1 o'clock, for Cash, all right, title, interest and claim, of B. Robinson, of and to all that act or parcel of land whereon the said John B. Robinson now resides, called Poplar Neck, containing 200 a of land, more or less, being seized and taken to satisfy debts due to Murai Stewart, use of Ebenezer Thomas, of Thomas H. Bowie, and a debt of Rachel Stewart, use James Beck. R. Welch of Ben. Jeff. A. A. County, May 28.