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IN COUNCIL, March 18, 1819. Ordered, That the Act passed at the September 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 be repealed...

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 for exporting out of this state negroes and mulattoes entitled to their freedom...

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 negro or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years...

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, me directed from Anne Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale on Saturday the 12th day of September next, at Mr. James Hunter's Tavern in the city of Annapolis, at 10 o'clock for Cash, All the right, title, interest and claim, of John Lusby, of and to tract or parcel of Land, called Gadsby Range, containing about one and a half and thirty acres of Land, more or less...

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, me directed from Anne Arundel county court, will be exposed to public sale on Saturday the 12th day of September next, at Mr. James Hunter's Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, at 10 o'clock, for Cash—One mulatto BOY named Isaac, being seized and taken as the property of Samuel C. Williams to satisfy a debt due Osborn Williams...

FOR SALE.

That valuable Lot of Ground No 55 opposite the Church, lately in the possession of Mr. Thomas Brown, fronting 82 feet on the Church Circle, and running back with Doctor-street, 42 feet to Cathedral-street, thence with Cathedral-street 82 feet, and thence to the Church-Circle. The Lot is enclosed with a good post and rail fence. There is a basement story of Brick & a house 30 feet by 40 on it, nearly ready for the first floor. Likewise may be had at moderate prices, Doors, Sashes, Shutters, Door and Window frames, &c. enough of each kind to finish the building. The terms of sale will be made known by applying to JOHN SHAW, Annapolis, August 13.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the next Prince George's county court for leave to open a road by William D. Diggs near Bladensburg. August 13.

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...

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 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...

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, of the same being duly recorded, on receiving the legal fees for so recording and authenticating the same copy...

5. And be it enacted, That if any person who shall 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 slave 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, & enter into a 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 enter into such recognizance, then such judge or justice of the peace shall commit said person or persons, and such 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 a greably 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 proved 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 within the time for which he may be remanded, and prove 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.

By order, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the Council.

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 skillful 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 13/19.

JUST PUBLISHED, And for Sale, at this Office, The Laws of Maryland, Passed December Session, 1817. Price—\$ 1 50.

ALSO, The Votes & Proceedings of last Session. Price—\$ 1 50.

BLANKS For Sale at this Office. Declarations on Promissory Notes, and bills of exchange against Drawer, first, second, and third Endorser, in assumpit generally. Debt on Bond and Single Bill, Common Bonds, Appeal do. Tobacco Notes, &c. &c. June 11.

FOR RENT. The subscriber offers for rent that large three storied BRICK BUILDING in the city of Annapolis, opposite the Church.

The subscriber deems it unnecessary to describe this house particularly. It is certainly well adapted for a Boarding House, being situated in the centre of the town, and convenient to the Stadt House. Possession will be given after the 9th day of November next. SARAH CLEMENTS, Aug. 23.

SHERIFFALTY. At the solicitation of many of his friends the subscriber is induced to offer himself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of this county, at the ensuing October election; and pledges himself, should he be honoured with the confidence of a majority of his fellow citizens, that in the execution of the duties of that office, no pains will be spared to give general satisfaction. BENJAMIN GAFFNER, Anne Arundel county, July 30.

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that the subscribers of Anne Arundel county have obtained from the orphan court of Anne Arundel county, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Absalom Ridgely, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are requested to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, and all persons indebted, are informed that prompt settlement is required. Suits will be brought against all those who do not pay immediate attention to this notice.

John Ridgely, David Ridgely, Ex'rs. Aug. 6, 1816. 3m.

By order of the Orphan Court of Anne Arundel county, will be sold at public auction, on Saturday the 17th of October next, at the late residence of Mrs. Deborah Sterrett, in Elkridge, in said county, All the Personal Estate of the deceased, consisting of beds, bedsteads, bedding, tables, chairs, looking glasses, China, &c. &c. a handsome second hand Carriage, horses and cows, with two male slaves for life. The terms will be, a credit of six months for all sums over twenty dollars.

All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to me, in Baltimore, for settlement. J. STERETT, Ex'r. Aug. 6.

100 Dollars Reward. Ranaway from the subscriber's farm on South river in Anne Arundel county, on Friday the 21st inst. a black man named PETER.

He is about six or seven and twenty years of age, about five feet ten inches high, stout and well made, large hands and feet, has a remarkable scar on the cheek bone, under the left eye, in the form of an angle, large full eyes, thick lips, and when he speaks, (particularly if spoken to sharply,) stammers; his countenance sour, his common clothing of strong linen, but has other clothing. I will give the above reward if his is taken out of the state; Fifty Dollars if taken within the state and out of the county, and Forty Dollars if taken in the county, provided that he is brought to me in the city of Annapolis, or secured in any goal so that I get him again. Richard Harwood, (of Thos.) August 27.

The Editors of the Federal Gazette and American will publish the above advertisement one week for three weeks and forward their accounts to this office.

LAND FOR SALE. In pursuance of the last will and testament of the late Benjamin Allen, the subscribers will offer for sale, on Thursday the 17th September next, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the late residence of the deceased, All the Land he was possessed of, about 600 acres, bounded by the Patuxent river, about one mile above Pig Point. The improvements are a tolerable Water mill, a good dwelling house, and all necessary out houses, and in tolerable good repair. The above property will be sold on a credit of three years, subject to the widow's dower. The purchaser will be required to give bond, with two approved securities, with interest thereon. The above property will be shown to any one by applying to Mr. Joseph Allen on the premises, or Thomas Tongue, Jr. at Pracey's Landing, Anne Arundel county.

At the same time and place, by order of the orphan court of Anne Arundel county, will be sold a Negro Girl, about ten years of age, on a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond with approved security, with interest from the day of sale. E ALLEN, T. TONGUE, Jr. Ex'rs. Aug. 27.

The Editors of the Federal Gazette, Baltimore, and National Intelligencer, Washington, are requested to insert the above advertisement once a week for three weeks in their respective papers, and forward their accounts to this office for collection.

Wanted to purchase, By a person residing in this city a Woman of good character who understands plain coking. One from the county would be preferred. Inquire at this office. Aug. 20.