

N<sup>o</sup> 19,  
20, 21.

*Orphans. Slaves not made Free by being Baptized.*

Fee shall be taken as a full Fee for the Publication of the Banns, as well as for the Solemnization of such Marriage.

*This Act not to extend to Dissenters, &c.*

IV. ~~Provided~~, That this Act or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Persons of Perswasions, in Religion, different from that of the Church of England, but that all such Persons, and the Manner of their Proceedings in Marriage may entirely remain unaltered by this Act, and in the same Circumstance as if this Act had never been made, any Thing therein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

At an Assembly begun

May the 28th, 1717.

Part of an Act, Intituled,

N<sup>o</sup> 20.

*An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Probat of Wills, and granting Administrations, recovering of Legacies, and securing Filial Portions.*

Laws of Maryland, 2d Edit. p. 10.

*Orphans not to be put into the Hands of Persons of different Religion from their Parents.*

~~Provided~~ always, That no Orphan shall be put into the Hands of any Person of different Judgment in Religion to that of the deceased Parents of the said Orphans.

See p. 12.

At an Assembly begun

September the 5th, 1704.

Part of an Act, Intituled,

N<sup>o</sup> 21.

*An Act relating to Servants and Slaves.*

Laws of Maryland, p. 119. 2d Edit. p. 20.

*Preamble.*

And forasmuch as many People have neglected to Baptize their Negroes, or suffer them to be Baptized, on a vain Apprehension, that Negroes by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, are manumitted and set free; Be it hereby further Declared and Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That (a) no Negroe or Negroes, by receiving the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, is hereby manumitted or set free, nor hath any Right or Title to Freedom or Manumission, more than he or they had before any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

See p. 23. Last Edit. p. 124.

*Enacted and Declared, That Negroes by being Baptized, are not thereby made free.*

(a) See Laws of South Carolina, No 15.

At an Assembly begun

April the 26th, 1715.

The like Act passed

September the 5th, 1704.

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