

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any citizen and resident of this state, being seized and possessed of an estate of inheritance in his own right, or in the right of his wife, in land lying in the commonwealth of Virginia, the states of Delaware or Pennsylvania, and the owner of any slave or slaves employed or worked on the said land, to remove and bring such slave or slaves from such land into this state, for the purpose only of employing or working such slave or slaves within this state for the use and benefit of the owner at the time of removal, or their legal representatives, and not for sale; provided such slave or slaves hath or have been residents of the commonwealth of Virginia, the states of Delaware or Pennsylvania, before the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, or is or are the descendant or descendants of any slave being residents as aforesaid; and provided also, that a list of such slave or slaves be delivered, in writing, and signed by the owner, his overseer or agent, to the clerk of the county into which such slave or slaves shall be first brought, within one month thereafter, and the said list shall be recorded at the expence of the owner of such slave or slaves so brought into this state; in which list of negroes so recorded, if title to them be acquired by will, the testator's name, the date of the will, and the place where recorded, shall be inserted, and if the title to them be derived from marriage, the name of the married person from whom the title is derived, shall likewise be inserted in said list, and the whole entered on record.

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III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any citizen and resident of the commonwealth of Virginia, being seized and possessed of an estate of inheritance in his own right, or in the right of his wife, in land lying in this state, and the owner of any slave or slaves, residents of the commonwealth of Virginia before the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, or of the descendant or descendants of any slave being resident as aforesaid, to remove and bring any such slave or slaves into this state, for the purpose only of employing or working such slave or slaves within this state for the use and benefit of the owners at the time of removal, or their legal representatives, and not for sale; provided, that a list of such slave or slaves be delivered, in writing, and signed by the owner, his overseer or agent, to the clerk of the county into which such slave or slaves shall be first brought, within one month thereafter, and the said list shall contain a certificate as aforesaid, to be recorded at the expence of the owner of such slave or slaves so removed into this state.

Citizens of Virginia holding land in this state, may remove their slaves, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That this power of removing slaves, as above allowed, may be exercised as often as the owners of such slaves shall think proper, on complying with the directions of this act.

As often as they please.

V. And be it enacted, That if any citizen of this state hath or shall acquire property in any slave or slaves being residents of any of the United States before the twenty-first day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, or in the descendant or descendants of such slaves being residents as aforesaid, by marriage, bequest, in course of distribution, or as guardian, such citizen may remove and bring such slave or slaves into this state, for the purpose only of employing or working such slave or slaves within this state, as herein before mentioned, and not for sale; provided, that a list of such slave or slaves be rendered in the manner herein before directed, by a citizen of this state on his bringing slaves into this state as herein before allowed.

Citizens acquiring slaves in any state may remove them, &c.

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A Bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers.

Passed December 26.

**W**HEREAS there may be a necessity for granting licences to ordinary keepers between the sitting of the several county courts of this state, and there is no provision for granting licences in such cases,

Preamble