

said persons have assigned the said warrants of proclamation to the said settlers, who are precluded from the benefit of the said act; and it appearing reasonable to this assembly that such persons should have the benefit of the same; therefore, **Be it enacted**, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and may, on or before the first day of May next, receive of and from any person or persons who have proclaimed any of the said lots, the one half of the money for the same, and the remaining half on or before the first day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, provided it shall appear to him, by an endorsement on the said proclamation warrant, that the same is assigned to the original settler.

Treasurer to receive, &c.

X. **And be it enacted**, That the register of the land-office be and he is hereby directed to issue a patent to any of the settlers before mentioned who may comply with the payments by this act to be made under the proclamation warrant, as if the whole money had been paid within a year from the date of the said warrant.

Register to issue a patent, &c.

C H A P. LXIII.

An ACT for the benefit of John Hayman Nicholls.

Passed December 28.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of John Hayman Nicholls, that some time in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, being then a citizen and inhabitant of this state, he removed into the commonwealth of Virginia, and took with him the following slaves, to wit: Thomas, Milly, and Jane, which he held in trust for his children; that he hath ever since resided in the said commonwealth with his family, and there kept and held the said slaves; and being now anxious to return and reside in the state of Maryland, and wishing to bring back with him the slaves so as aforesaid out of this state into Virginia, and praying an act may pass, authorizing him to bring into this state the slaves aforesaid; and the prayer of said petition being reasonable; therefore,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said John Hayman Nicholls, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to bring into this state the aforesaid negroes, upon his coming into this state with a *bona fide* intention of residing and settling therein as a citizen thereof, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; provided nevertheless, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which the said slaves, or any of them, may have to freedom, from any other cause than being brought into this state.

J. H. Nicholls may bring negroes into this state, &c.

C H A P. LXIV.

An ACT to authorize the chancellor to grant deeds and patents in certain cases.

Passed December 28.

WHEREAS William Kilty, during his agency for the state of Maryland, did purchase for the use of the state the property of sundry state debtors, which said property was afterwards disposed of by William Campbell, while he was agent for the state: And whereas the said William Campbell, during his agency, and Randolph B. Latimer, the present agent for the state of Maryland, have severally sold confiscated property to a considerable amount, and no power is given by any law of this state to any person to grant deeds or patents to the purchasers of any of the aforesaid property; therefore,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor shall be authorized, and he is hereby directed and required, to grant deeds to such of the purchasers of the property bought in by William Kilty, and afterwards sold by William Campbell on account of the state, or to their heirs or assigns, as shall make it appear to him that they have complied with the terms of the sales so made.

Chancellor to grant deeds.

III. **And be it enacted**, That in all cases where sales of confiscated property have been made by the said William Campbell, or Randolph B. Latimer, as agents for the state of Maryland, that the chancellor shall have power and authority

And deeds or patents, &c.

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