

any slave or slaves the property of such citizen at the time of his or her death, which slave or slaves, or the mother or mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the United States three whole years next preceding such removal, as also the issue of such slave or slaves born after the removal of the said testator or intestate.

CHAP. XV.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any guardian or guardians of any infant entitled to any slave or slaves by or in pursuance of the last will and testament of, or in the course of distribution from, any citizen of the United States who shall have removed, or may hereafter remove, into this state, with a *bond fide* intention of settling therein, and who shall have died, or may hereafter die, within one year from the time of his or her removal into this state, at any time within one year from the commencement of his, her or their guardianship, or for any such infant, if a male, at any time within one year after his arriving to the age of twenty-one years, or if a female, at any time within one year after her arriving to the age of sixteen years, to import and bring into this state any such slave or slaves, being the property of any such citizen at the time of his or her death, as also the issue of such slave or slaves born after the removal of the said testator or intestate.

Guardians may import certain slaves, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county.

Passed January 20.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person residing in Kent county shall bring to any justice of the peace for said county the head or heads of any crow or crows, such person shall, for every such head, be allowed in the county levy for the said county the sum of eight cents, and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Persons to be allowed, &c.

II. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, or otherwise satisfy the said justice, that such crow or crows was or were killed in Kent county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the party bringing the same, free and clear of all charge against the person or persons making such oath, or affirmation.

First making oath, &c.

III. This act to be in force until the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred.

Duration.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT authorizing the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in the said county, and to regulate the same.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the sums of money formerly levied on the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county for the purpose of building a court-house and prison in the said county are inadequate for that purpose, and that the prison is not yet built,

Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Queen-Anne's county shall be and they are hereby authorized, and required, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, the sum of laying their public taxes, a sum of money not exceeding five hundred pounds current money, together with six per cent. for collection, for the purpose of erecting a prison in the said county; which said sum of money as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the collector of said county for the time being in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, in the

Justices to levy money, &c.