

C H A P. LXXV.

An ACT to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting the slaves of certain French subjects, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed January 20.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting the slaves of certain French subjects, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, be and the same is hereby repealed; saving nevertheless to all and every person and persons their several and respective rights acquired under the said act.

An act repealed, &c.

II. **And**, whereas many of the slaves imported into this state by the French subjects or citizens mentioned in the said act have been guilty of disorderly conduct, and are suspected to be dangerous to the peace and welfare of the city of Baltimore; therefore, **Be it enacted**, That the mayor of the city of Baltimore, with any two justices of the peace of Baltimore county, may and shall have power and authority to arrest and imprison any negro or mulatto French slave found in the said city, whom they may have reason, upon the information of one or more credible witnesses, to suspect to be dangerous to the peace and welfare of the said city; and if the owner of such French slave, after notice of the arrest and imprisonment of such slave for the space of two weeks in one or more of the news-papers of the said city, shall not, within the period of three months, export the said slave beyond the limits of this state, and give good and sufficient security for so doing, it shall and may be lawful for the said mayor and justices, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to banish and send every such slave to any one of the West-India islands, there to be disposed of as the said mayor and justices shall order and direct.

Mayor, &c. may arrest certain persons, &c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That in all sales made under this act, the said mayor and justices aforesaid shall pay over the sum or sums, when received, to the proprietor or proprietors of such slave or slaves banished as aforesaid.

And pay over the sums, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted**, That the corporation of the city of Baltimore may and are hereby authorized to furnish to the said mayor and justices whatever monies may be necessary to carry this act into execution.

Corporation to furnish monies, &c.

C H A P. LXXVI.

An ACT to regulate the fees of the registers of wills in the several counties of this state.

Passed January 20.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of February next no register of wills in any county of this state, his ministers, servants or deputies, by reason or colour of his office, shall have, receive or take, of any person or persons, directly or indirectly, any other or greater fees which shall arise or become due for the performance of the duties of his office, than are hereafter limited and allowed by this act, under the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars for every offence; that to say,

No register to take greater fees than allowed, &c.

Dols. Cts.	Dols. Cts.	Fees ascertained.
For every probat of will, where no controversy or letters granted, including demand and all oaths necessary hereto,	80	
For granting letters of administration, swearing the administrators, taking bond, giving warrant to appraisers, and warrant to swear them, for probat of any will, granting letters testamentary, (if required) taking bond, issuing warrant to appraisers to swear them,	3 20	
<i>Dedimus potestatem</i> to take answer, per side, and so <i>pro rato</i> ,	8	
For recording wills, inventories, accounts, or copying the same, per side, computing seven words to the line, and fifteen lines to a side, and so <i>pro rato</i> ,	8	