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shall have been resident of the state of Tennessee three whole years next preceding such removal or importation ; and the same to retain as a slave.

He shall not dispose of said slave under three years unless in certain cases.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said James Bruff to sell or dispose of such slave so imported by virtue of this act, until the said slave shall have resided within this state three whole years next preceding such sale, except in case of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

## CHAPTER 220.

Passed Jan. 7,  
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*A Supplement to the act entitled, " An act for the opening and extending of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore."*

Filling of certain docks; appointment of assessors, valuation of damages, &c.

Proviso.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners appointed by the act to which this is a supplement, or a majority of them, may fill up the docks called Hollingsworth's dock and Calvert-street dock, before the taking down of the houses or parts of the houses directed to be taken down ; any thing in said act to the contrary notwithstanding ; *Provided*, That the proprietors of property fronting on said docks have first paid, or tendered to them, payment of damages ; or their assent in writing be obtained. And it shall be the duty of the assessors appointed in said act, or a majority of them, if required by said commissioners or a majority of them, to value the damages arising on property fronting on said docks, before they proceed to value other damages. And it shall be the duty of the said assessors, on or before the first day of March next, and of any assessor afterwards appointed, within ten days of his appointment, to take the oath or affirmation required in said act ; and if any of said assessors do not then take such oath or affirmation, he shall be considered as refusing to act as an assessor. And if at any time so many assessors die or refuse to act, that there be not a majority of the whole remaining, the mayor of the city of Baltimore may appoint as many assessors as will make a majority of the whole ; and said majority shall appoint by plurality of votes, the number of assessors wanting to make the whole number.