

Authorised to remove his slaves into this state.

county, who has lately removed from the state of Virginia, to reside in this state, shall be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to remove, import, and bring into this state, at any time within one year after the passage of this act, such slave or slaves, as he may have a bona fide absolute right unto, by virtue of any gift to him, or allotment made by the father of the said William Downey; which said slave or slaves, shall have been actually resident in the state of Virginia, before such removal or importation; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Shall not dispose of them or three years.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to enable the said William Downey, to sell or dispose of any slave or slaves, imported by virtue of this act, or their increase, until the said slave or slaves shall have resided within this state, three whole years next preeding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and dispositions by law, for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

CHAPTER 23.

Passed Dec. 29, 1813.

An act for the relief of Dennis Kennedy, of Frederick county.

Deed confirmed.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the deed from Frederick Nicodemus, to Dennis Kennedy, both of Frederick county, which appears to have been executed on the second day of October, in the year eighteen hundred, and duly recorded among the land records of the said county, purporting to convey to the said Dennis Kennedy, a title to a certain lot or parcel of ground therein described, shall be valid to vest in the said Dennis Kennedy, and his heirs and assigns, according to the terms of the said deed, a legal title to the said property, in as full and ample a manner, as if the said Dennis Kennedy had been a naturalized citizen of the United States, at the time of the execution thereof, competent in law to acquire a complete right to real property in this state. *Provided always,* AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Dennis Kennedy, shall not derive any benefit under the provisions of this act, unless he shall continue to proceed to become a naturalized citizen of the United States, at such period as the laws of the United States may permit; but in case of the death of the said Dennis Kennedy, without being naturalized, the provisions of this act shall enure to the benefit of the widow and children of the said Dennis Kennedy, as the case may be; or of such other persons as, according to the laws of this state, would be entitled to the said property, as heirs, or as devisees, of the said Dennis Kennedy, if he had been duly naturalized, and capable of acquiring a legal title to real property in this state, at the time of the aforesaid deed.

Proviso.