

DEC. SESS.
1815.

Maryland, That the chancery court for the State of Maryland shall be, and hereby is invested with full power and authority on application by or on behalf of the infant heirs at law of Benjamin Ricaud, late of Baltimore county deceased, to decree and order a sale and conveyance to the purchasers thereof, of all that part of the said deceased's real estate which may be situate and lying in Baltimore city and county, to appoint a trustee or trustees for that purpose, prescribe the manner and terms of sale, make allowance to the widow for her dower, divide the nett proceeds of said sales amongst said children, and generally to exercise such jurisdiction in the premises as said court now may and doth in cases where sales are prayed for the purpose of making division or distribution under the twelfth section of the act of 1785, chapter 72, entitled, an act for enlarging the power of the high court of chancery; *Provided always*, AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any decree shall be made for the sale of said property before mentioned, the chancellor shall be satisfied by such proof as he may deem sufficient, that such sale will be for the advantage of said children.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 54.

Passed Jan.
5, 1816.

An act to authorise the removal of certain slaves therein mentioned.

Slaves may
be removed.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of *Maryland*, That Richard Ridgely Senr. of Anne-Arundel county, or the widow or any guardian hereafter to be appointed or the administrators of Richard Ridgely, Junr. deceased, or any or either of them be, and are hereby authorised and permitted to bring away and remove from the State of Kentucky, to any county in the State of Maryland, all or any part of the negroes slaves carried out by Richard Ridgely, Junr. in his life time, to the State of Kentucky, and that the removal of the said slaves and their issue and bringing them into the State of Maryland, shall not be deemed or taken or in any manner be construed or operate to entitle them to freedom; and that the said slaves and their issue shall be held and owned as if they had never been removed from the State of Maryland; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said Richard Ridgely, Senr. or such other person or persons who shall remove, or cause to be removed the said negro slaves, together with their increase into the State of Maryland, shall return to the clerk of the county into which the said negroes and their issue may hereafter be removed, within six weeks after their removal and arrival into this state, a list of the said negroes together with their issue, with an affidavit to the same annexed, to be recorded among the records of the said county court, that the said negro slaves were carried and removed to the State of Kentucky by Richard Ridgely, Junr. from the State of Maryland, and that those born since their removal to Kentucky are descended from, and the issue of some of the negroes originally removed by the said Richard Ridgely Junr.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 55.

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An act to make valid a deed therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It appears that a certain William Davis, one of the constables of Worcester county, by virtue of a writ of *fieri facias* to him directed, did expose to public sale all the