

if the said Charles P. Graze should die, before he can, by using reasonable diligence, become a citizen of the United States, nothing contained in this proviso shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any person or persons, being citizens of the United States, and residing therein, and capable in law to hold the same. Dec Ses 1817.

CHAPTER 54.

An act to vacate part of Cherry Alley, in the Town of Cumberland, in Allegany County. Passed Jan 21

WHEREAS, it hath been represented to this general assembly, that Cherry Alley, from Washington-street to Green-street, is laid out on ground over which it is impracticable to make a passable way, and in which street is a very deep and useless well, which is dangerous to the neighbourhood, and doubts are entertained whether any person has a right to stop up said alley, therefore, Preamble

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* Cherry Alley, in the town of Cumberland, from Washington-street to Green-street, be and the same is hereby vacated, provided the consent of the owner or owners of lots binding on said alley be first obtained; and that the chief burgess, and commissioners of the said town, be and they are hereby authorised and required to sell the ground to the highest bidder, at public sale, for ready cash, after having given ten days public notice of said sale, and upon the payment of the purchase money to convey to the purchaser or purchasers the said land in fee simple. Alley to be vacated and sold

2. *And be it enacted,* That the money arising from said sale shall be applied to the use of the corporation of the town of Cumberland. Application of proceeds.

CHAPTER 55.

An act authorising Turbutt R. Betton, of Queen-Anne's County, to remove certain Negro Slaves from Fairfax County, Virginia, into this State. Passed Jan 22

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* Turbutt R. Betton of Queen-Anne's county, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to remove, import, and bring into this state, at any time after the passage of this act, any negro slave or slaves which he may be entitled to receive as his distributive share (in right of his wife) of the estate of her father captain William Lane, deceased, of Fairfax county, Virginia; *Provided,* the said Turbutt R. Betton shall, within three months after the said slave or slaves shall have been removed as aforesaid, make out and deliver to the clerk of Queen-Anne's county court, a certificate or list of said slave or slaves, stating therein the names, ages and sexes, of the same, which certificate the clerk is hereby authorised and required to record in the same manner as is directed by the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-six. Authorised to bring slaves in the state.