

plement and the several supplements thereto,) under the penalty of fifty dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered in the name of the state, for the use of the informer, before a justice of the peace, as small debts are recoverable.

Warrants granted to pilots to be void upon their removal out of the state

3. *And be it enacted,* That the warrant or license of any pilot to act as such, granted to him by the said board, or which hereafter may be granted to him, upon his removal out of the state, shall become null and void, the evidence whereof shall be the public declaration of said board to that effect, published in two or more of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore.

4. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall be entitled to a warrant or license as a pilot unless he shall satisfy the said board that he has served or been employed at least three years in the business of piloting in the Chesapeake bay.

No person entitled to a warrant unless he has served three years in the business of piloting.

5. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall employ his vessel as a pilot boat unless he is a licensed pilot, and follows that occupation, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every offence, to be recovered as herein before provided.

No person to employ his vessel as a pilot boat unless he is licensed.

CHAPTER 189.

An act authorising the Judges of the Orphans Court to bind out the Children of Free Negroes and Mulattoes.

Passed Feb 17 1819

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of the orphans court of the several counties in this state, are authorised in their discretion, on information being given, or whenever it comes to their own knowledge, that there are any child or children of free negroes or mulattoes not at service or learning a trade, or employed in the service of their parents, to bind and put out such child or children to some useful trade or service, on the same terms and conditions that orphan children are now subject to be bound out, only that the term of service of a female may be extended to the age of eighteen years; and that the judges aforesaid may require as a condition in any indenture, that the said child or children shall be taught to read or write, or in lieu thereof a sum not exceeding thirty dollars shall be allowed in addition to the freedom dues required by law.

Orphans court authorized to bind out such children.

2. *And be it enacted,* That before the said judges shall proceed to bind out any child or children of the description aforesaid, they shall cause a summons to be issued, requiring the parent or parents of such child or children to appear before the said judges on the day when it is intended to bind out such child or children, and that the said judges shall in all cases consult and gratify the inclinations of the parent or parents of such child or children; in respect to their choice of a master or mistress, so far as it may seem just and reasonable.

Before binding them out to summon parents to appear, &c.

CHAPTER 190.

An act for the benefit of the Rockville Roman Catholic Congregation.

Passed Feb 17 1819

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the Rockville Roman Catholic Congregation, that they have omitted to elect trustees of the said congregation according to the plan and regulation of the said congregation as heretofore recorded; therefore,

Preamble.