

ed legitimate and shall inherit to their late father Henry Stoufer, in the same manner as if they had been his legitimate heirs at the time of his death.

2. *And be it enacted*, That Wilhelmina, the wife of the said Henry Stoufer, be and she is hereby excluded from all dower and share in the estate, real or personal, of the said Henry Stoufer.

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Widow excluded from all dower.

CHAPTER 197.

An act to repeal all such parts of the Laws of this State as authorise the Courts of Law to sentence Negro or Mulatto Slaves, or Free Negroes or Mulattoes, to undergo a confinement in the Penitentiary.

Passed Feb 18 1819

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this law, it shall not be lawful for the courts of law within this state, to sentence any negro or mulatto slave, convicted of any crime perpetrated after the passage of this act, to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of this state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Negro or mulatto slaves not to be sentenced to confinement in penitentiary.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if any negro or mulatto slave shall be duly convicted of any crime perpetrated after the passage of this act, which may not, in the discretion of the court, under the laws of this state, be punished by hanging by the neck, such negro or mulatto slave may, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to receive on his or her bare back, any number of lashes not exceeding forty, or the court may sentence such negro or mulatto slave to be banished from this state, by transportation and sale into some foreign country, or some one of the United States, or territories thereof, other than the District of Columbia, for the benefit of the state or county. as the case may be, such negro or mulatto slave to be valued and paid for, as is now or shall hereafter be directed by law.

When convicted of any crime not punishable in discretion of court by hanging, to be whipped or banished the state.

CHAPTER 198.

An act to provide for the grading of the Streets therein mentioned.

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Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorised and required, to cause the new grades of the streets, lanes and alleys, between Light-street and Franklin-lane in said city, to be ascertained and established, wherever such new grades have become necessary by the extension of Pratt-street.

Mayor and city council authorised to ascertain new grades of streets between Light-street and Franklin-lane.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if the property on the streets, lanes or alleys aforesaid, by such new grading, and the consequent manner of improving the same, when such manner shall be determined upon by the said corporation, shall sustain damage other than was considered of or estimated by the assessors, or by the court, under the law providing for the opening of Pratt-street, then the owner or owners of such property may suggest the same to the judges of Baltimore county court, who shall appoint seven suitable persons assessors, not interested in any property within the said limits, who, upon oath or affirmation, shall value and ascertain, (all advantages and disadvantages considered,) such alleged damage other than was considered of or estimated by the assessors or court as

If property should be damaged by such new grading other than estimated, judges of county court to appoint persons to value the same.