

CHAP. 45.

cates of several respectable persons acquainted with the facts, that the principal if not the whole of the purchase money was paid by her father, and from her brother James Norman's estate: And whereas the said Rachel hath in her said petition prayed to be allowed her dower in the said land, which appears to be reasonable and just, therefore,

Entitled to dower
in land

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Rachel Weems shall be entitled to have her dower in said land, laid off and assigned to her in the same manner as if her husband had died seized in fee simple of the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided always,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the rights of the creditors of the said John Weems.

Proviso

CHAP. XLVI.

Passed Jan 10, 1820 An Act to authorise William A. Palmore to import and bring into this State a Negro Slave therein mentioned.

Preamble

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that William A. Palmore removed to this state from the state of Virginia, and was at the time of removal unable to bring a certain negro slave, his property, called Toney, he being at that time an apprentice; therefore,

Authorised to re-
move a slave into
this state

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That said William A. Palmore be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, at any time or times within two years after the passage of this act, to remove from the state of Virginia, and bring into this state, the said negro slave by the name of Toney, to whom he was entitled at the time of his fixing his residence in this state, and that the removal of said slave, and bringing him into the state of Maryland, shall not be deemed or taken or in any manner be construed or operated to entitle him to freedom; *Provided,* that the said negro slave, when removed agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall be recorded in the records of Somerset county court, within three months after his arrival in said county; *And provided also,* that it shall not be lawful for the said William A. Palmore to dispose of the said slave, within three years after the importation of said slave.

Proviso

CHAP. XLVII.

Passed Jan 12 1820 An Act for the relief of James Stewart and Martin Rockefeller, of Washington County, and William Deming, and Nicholas N. Robinson, of the City of Baltimore.

Benefit of insol-
vent laws extended
to them

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of the orphans and county courts of Washington county, be and they are hereby authorised and required, to afford to James Stewart and Martin Rockefeller, the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as if they had respectively resided two whole years in this state before the time of their application for the same, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided always,* that the said courts shall be first satisfied that the said James Stewart and Martin Rockefeller, did not remove into this state for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the said insolvent laws.

Proviso

Relative to those
of them who reside
in city of Balti-
more

2. *And be it enacted,* That the judges of the county court of Baltimore county, and the commissioners of insolvent debtors in the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised and required, to afford to William Deming, and Nicholas N. Robinson, the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, in as full and ample manner to every intent and purpose, as if they had resided two whole years