are unable to pay, and that they are deprived of the benefit of CHAP. 142. the insolvent laws of the state, by reason of their not having re-

sided in the state of Maryland for the last two years; Therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Authorised to prospend Hector Perkins and James M. Cann shall be and they are tions for benefit hereby authorised, to prosecute their petitions for the benefit of ey the insolvent laws of this state, without being compelled to prove their residence in the state of Maryland for the last two years previous to their application for the benefit of said laws, and that their want of residence shall not disqualify them from obtaining the benefit of the said laws; Provided always, that in every other Provisor respect they comply with the conditions of the said insolvent laws, as fully as if they had resided the proper length of time in the state of Maryland, and this law had not been passed; And provided further, that they satisfy the court, or commissioners, from whom they may obtain their discharge, by competent testimony, other than their own oath, that they have not come into the state of Maryland with a view to obtain the benefit of the said laws, but did come to the said state for the purpose of bona fide establishing their residence therein.

CHAP. CXLIII.

An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Dickins, of the City of Baltimore. WHEREAS it is represented by the petition of Elizabeth Dick-Preamble ins, of the city of Baltimore, that she holds in her own right, in the state of North Carolina, four negro slaves, viz. Peter about the age of nine years, Billey about the age of six years, Eliza about the age of four years, and Philip about the age of one year, and which she is desirous to import and bring into this state for her own use; Therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Eli-bring slaves into zabeth Dickins, of the city of Baltimore, be and she is hereby the state. authorised, to import and bring into this state, from the state of North Carolina, and hold as slaves for life, the said negro slaves Peter, Billey, Eliza and Philip; Provided, that nothing Proviso herein contained shall be construed to authorise a sale or disposition of the said negro slaves, or any of them, within three years next succeeding their importation aforesaid, otherwise than by bequest in a course of distribution, or hy operation of law, and that the said negro slaves be registered in the clerk's office of Baltimore county court, within three months after their arrival into this state.

CHAP. CXLIV.

A Further Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act to authorise a Lottery or Passed Feb 13 1821 Lotteries in the City of Baltimore, passed at December Session eighteen hundred and eleven, chapter eighty-seven.

WHEREAS it appears by the report of the auditor general, that Preamble the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars was due at the conclusion of the year eighteen hundred and twenty, to the Commissioners of Lotteries and their clerk, which sum has been paid into the treasury by the managers of the Cathedral lottery of the city of Baltimore; that in consequence however, of an act of assembly passed at the present session, by which the said drawing was extended until the eleventh day of Maynext, doubts having