

CHAP. 174. of the debts due from his, her, or their testator or intestate, which may be made known to him, her or them, stating the principal and the time at which interest is to commence on each respective debt, to which list of debts shall be annexed the oath or affirmation of the executor or administrator, that the same is a correct list of the debts due from his, her, or their testator or intestate, so far as the said debts have come to his, her, or their knowledge, and every six months thereafter, until the estate may be finally settled, a similar return may be made of such debts as shall come to the knowledge of the executor or administrator within that period, which returns or lists of debts shall be recorded by the register of wills, and a copy thereof, certified under the hand of the register, and the seal of his office, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the amount of debts due by the intestate or testator in any court where the executor or administrator alleges or contends that he, she or they have not assets sufficient to discharge the claim in controversy, or any part thereof.

List returned not to afford evidence as to the justice of any debt, &c

8. *And be it enacted*, That the list of debts to be returned as aforesaid shall not afford any evidence as to the justice or correctness of any debt therein stated, whenever the same shall be controverted by an executor or administrator, in any suit instituted for the recovery of such debt, nor shall the same be construed to take any debt out of the operation of the acts of limitation.

## CHAP. CLXXV.

Passed Feb 15 1821 An Act authorising Job Smith, of Baltimore County, to remove a certain Mulatto Girl into the State of Maryland

Preamble

WHEREAS Job Smith, of the city of Baltimore, hath represented to this general assembly, that he owns a female mulatto slave named Mary Jones, who is at present in Louisiana, attending upon his daughter, where she has been for more than a year past, and that it is his wish that the said mulatto slave should be brought back into the state of Maryland, when his daughter shall return; Therefore,

Authorised to bring a slave into the state

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Smith is hereby authorised and empowered, at any time within three years after the passage of this act, to remove and bring into this state a mulatto girl named Mary Jones; *Provided*, that no sale or disposition of any such slave shall be made until the said slave shall have resided within this state three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law, for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy; *Provided also*, that he cause the said slave to be recorded in the clerk's office of Baltimore county court, within three months after such removal.

Proviso

## CHAP. CLXXVI.

Passed Feb 15 1821 An Act to confirm the Appointment of Collector of the Tax for Charles County, and for other purposes.

Preamble

WHEREAS the levy court of Charles county appointed George H. Spalding collector of the tax for said county for the year 1820, and took his bond for the faithful performance of the duties of said appointment: And whereas the said George H. Spalding collected but a very small portion of the county tax before his death, and