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CHAPTER 20.

*An act for the relief of Benedict and Alexius Boone.*Passed Jan. 1,
1822.May import
certain slaves.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful, for Benedict Boone and Alexius Boone, the administrators of Alexius Boone, (deceased,) to bring back into this state, from the state of Virginia, at any time or times within twelve months after the passage of this law, two negro slaves, to wit: William, aged about eighteen years, and Daniel, aged about twenty-one, (they being the two negro slaves, sent into the state of Virginia, by their testator, a short time previous to his decease, to be employed on a farm to which the testator intended to remove,) for the purpose of applying them as assets in their hands, in the same manner as if the said negroes had not been sent out of the state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided,* That nothing in this act, shall in any manner be so construed as to give the said negroes William and Daniel, any claim whatever to freedom.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 21.

Passed, Jan. 1,
1822.May import
his slave Lucy.

An act to authorise Robert Morris, of Talbot county, to bring into this state a certain negro slave therein mentioned.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Robert Morris, of Talbot county, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to remove from the state of Delaware, and to bring into this state, his negro slave called Lucy, aged sixteen years, and to hold her as his slave, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided,* The said Robert Morris, shall, within thirty days after the removal of said negro slave in this state, have her registered in the clerk's office of Talbot county court; *And Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise a sale of the aforesaid slave within three years from the period of bringing in the same, otherwise than by bequest, in a course of distribution, or by operation of law.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 22.

Passed Jan. 2,
1822.

Preamble.

An act to enable Joseph Chain, of Talbot county, to purchase and hold real property within this state.

WHEREAS, Joseph Chain, of Talbot county, an East Indian by birth, and some time claimed as a slave by a certain Doctor Lewis S. Le Claire, of the county of Baltimore, hath obtained from the said Lewis S. Le Claire, a full manumission, according to law, and the said Joseph Chain hath purchased and contracted for certain parcels of real estate within this state; Therefore,

May hold real
property.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Joseph Chain, shall be, and hereby is enabled to have, hold and take, such real property in this state as the said Joseph Chain shall have purchased and contracted for before the passage of this act, and may sell and dispose of the same in like manner as a natural born citizen of the United States may; and in case of the death of the said Joseph Chain, without any disposition of his said real estate by deed or will, the same shall descend to, and be vested in his issue or their legal representatives, according to the due and ordinary course of descent.