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and for other purposes, commissioners were appointed and authorised to divide Baltimore county, into any number of election districts not exceeding twelve and whereas the said law has made no provision to remunerate the said commissioners for their services; Therefore.

Compensation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners appointed under the provisions of said act, shall be entitled to two dollars per day, for every day that they shall necessarily attended to the duties required by said act, and the levy court of Baltimore county be, and they are hereby authorised and required to levy the same on the assessable property of said county.

CHAPTER 27.

Passed Jan. 2, 1823.

An act authorising Henry Vernon Somerville, to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland.

Removal. &c.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That at any time within two years after the passage of this act, Henry Vernon Somerville of Baltimore county in said state, be; and he is hereby authorised to bring into this state, and them retain as slaves, the following negroes, to wit: Isaac, Sabra, Hopey, John, Rousby, Nanny, Harriott, Jenny, Appy, Phill, Nancy, Eliza, Bibey, Charles, Rosey; Henny, Adam, Nat, Lygo, Harry, Lewis, Hetty, Jesse, Hester, Mary, Fanny, Jessey, George, Sally, Fanny, Nancy, Billy, Barney, Dickey, Toney, Tom, and such of their offspring as may have been born since they left this state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided nevertheless,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorise a disposition of said slaves, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy in less than three whole years after the passage of this act, and provided moreover that the said Henry Vernon Somerville shall cause the said negroes to be registered in the records of Baltimore county court within sixty days after they shall have been brought into this state.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 28.

Passed Jan. 2, 1823.

An act to authorise William Knight, of Kent county, to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned.

Import negroes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Knight, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to import and bring into this state, from the state of Louisiana, the following negroes viz: Harry, Michael, David, Scyrus, Edward, Elizabeth, Nelly, Michael, Stephen, Albert, Maria, Harriet, Betsey, Hyland, Frisby, Emaline, Clarissa, and Lucy, and to have, and to hold the said negroes, in the same right as if they had never been taken out of the state: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorise a disposition of said slaves, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament and disposition by law for bona fide debts, or consequent upon intestacy, in less than three whole years after the introduction of said slaves into this state; *And provided also,* that the said William Knight, shall cause the said slaves to be registered in the records of Kent county court, within three months after they shall have been brought into this state.

Provisos.

CHAPTER 29.

Passed Jan. 3, 1823.
Preamble.

An act to make valid the proceedings of the Levy Court of Allegany county.
WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen respecting the validity of the proceedings of the levy court of Allegany county relative to the execution of the constable's bonds taken and ordered to be recorded by said court; Therefore,