

dispose of the same under said will according to its provisions, in the same right and manner as if said slaves had been born in this state, and had never been removed therefrom, and as if the said William N. Ritchie had also remained and died in this state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided*, if the said negroes shall refuse to go to Liberia they shall be sold out of this state as slaves for life.

CHAPTER 274.

*An act to Regulate Bail in certain cases.*

Passed Mar.13,1833

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That upon every arrest made by any constable, on any warrant issued in virtue of an act of assembly for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the several supplements thereto, it shall be lawful for the constable making the arrest to take bond from the person arrested, in a sum not exceeding double the amount of the debt or damages in dispute, conditioned for his appearance before a justice of the peace of the same county, to be named in the said condition, on the return day of the warrant, to answer the suit of the plaintiff or plaintiffs; and in case of refusal to give such bond, with sufficient security, such constable may lodge such person in the common jail of the county, to be safely kept by the sheriff until the return day of the warrant.

Constables authorised to take bond, &c.

To imprison in case of failure.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the plaintiff or plaintiffs, their executors or administrators, may sue in their own name, for their use, any such bond, before any justice of the peace, without regard to the amount of the penalty thereof, in manner as small debts are recoverable; and may recover thereon the amount, and no more, of the debt or claim of such plaintiff or plaintiffs, on proof, to be made as in case of the original cause of action; *Provided however*, that if the defendant shall, before judgment recovered on the bond, appear to the original case, the proceedings on the bond shall cease on payment of the plaintiffs costs by the defendant in the proceedings; and that said bond may be sued as aforesaid, without assignment by the constable, to the party suing.

Plaintiff may sue on such bond.

Provided.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said bond shall be returned by the constable to the justice of the peace, to whom the warrant shall be returned, to be by such justice, preserved for the use of the persons interested therein, and delivered to such other justice as may entertain any proceedings as aforesaid on such bond.

Bond to be returned to magistrate.