

contained shall be construed in anywise to effect the rights of any administrator of said Peter, or the claim of said John, for his commission and expenses of administration; *And provided also*, that said negroes when emancipated, shall be subject to all the provisions of the act entitled, an act relating to the people of color of this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

CHAPTER 414.

AN ACT to incorporate the Baltimore Dock Company. Passed May
30, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Abraham B. Patterson, William G. Harrison, Michael P. O'Hearn, Robert Howard, Hiram Woods, Robert R. Kirkland, and George W. Porter, and all and every other person or persons hereafter becoming members of the Baltimore Dock company, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the Baltimore Dock company, and by that name and style shall and may have perpetual succession, and be capable in law of purchasing, holding, improving and disposing of real estate, to the extent in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter authorised; and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend, and be answered and defended, in all courts of law and equity; and may make, execute and deliver, or have or cause to be made, executed and delivered to them, all deeds, transfers, gifts, grants, conveyances, covenants, contracts, agreements and bargains whatsoever, necessary for the purposes and objects of the said company; and may have and use a common seal, which they shall have power to alter, or renew at pleasure, and generally to do every other act or thing necessary to carry into effect the provisions, objects and purposes of this act; *Provided*, Incorporated. that nothing herein contained shall authorise or empower said company to acquire by purchase or otherwise more than one thousand acres of land, in all of which not more than fifty acres shall be within the limits of the city of Baltimore; *And provided also*, Provisoos. that before any title in law, equity or otherwise, in any