

## CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to make valid the last will and testament of Benjamin Quill, free negro, late of Calvert county, deceased, and to authorize his widow and devisee to hold and dispose of the property devised. Passed Feb. 9, 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the last will and testament of Benjamin Quill, a free negro, late of Calvert county, deceased, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and duly admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court of Calvert county, be and the same is hereby made valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes, as fully as if the said Benjamin had been a white person. Last will and testament made valid.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That Rachel Quill, free negro, the widow of the said deceased, and the devisee under the said last will and testament, be and she is hereby fully authorized and empowered to hold, use and possess the property, real and personal, thereby devised and bequeathed to her, and to sell and dispose of the same in her discretion during her life, with power to devise and bequeath the same by last will and testament, the said property, in case of her dying intestate, to vest in her heirs at law. Authority to hold and possess property, and dispose of same by will.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage. In force.