

## CHAP. 317.

Persons residing in the district of Columbia &c and holding real estate in Maryland may bring to said estate slaves.

Removing for a limited period to the district.

May bring slaves back again.

Proviso.

Citizens, owners of land in an adjoining state work- ed by their slaves.

May bring in such slaves.

Proviso.

Persons in service of U. S. Government may bring back slaves.

His representatives may &c. Proviso.

Duty of clerk to record such list.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any person or persons, residing in that part of the District of Columbia, ceded by the State of Maryland, to the United States, and holding real estate in Maryland, to bring from their residence, in the said part of the District, to their estate in Maryland, any slave or slaves and their increase, being slaves for life, which belonged to the said person or persons, and which said slaves resided either in that part of the District aforesaid or in Maryland, antecedent to the passage of this act; and that it shall be lawful for any resident of Maryland who has removed, or may hereafter remove to the District for a limited period, to carry with him, her, or them, any slave or slaves, which he, she, or they, may think proper, and to bring the same back into the State of Maryland at pleasure; *Provided*, that any slave or slaves introduced into this State, contrary to the provisions of this section, and by colour of authority derived from this section, shall be forfeited, in conformity with the provisions of the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That when any citizen of this state, who may be owner of land in an adjoining state, which he or she has been in the habit or may be desirous of working with the labour of slaves owned by such citizen, he or she shall be permitted to bring into this state such slave or slaves whenever his or her convenience may require; provided such slaves shall have resided in and been removed by such citizen from this state.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any citizen of this state, who shall leave it for a limited time, in the service of the government of the United States, or of this state, may bring back with him on his return, any slaves, being his slaves for life, that he may have taken away; and that in case of his decease, it shall be lawful for his legal representatives to re-introduce them into this state; *provided* the name, age, and sex of every such slave be recorded previously to removal, in the office of the clerk of the county court of the county in which such citizen may be, together with a declaration of the reasons for departing, and of the purpose of returning; *and provided also*, that a similar record shall be made within thirty days after the return of any such slave.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the respective counties, whenever any list of slaves or other paper shall be left with them for record, in compliance with the provisions of this act, to record the same;