

CHAPTER 4.

CHAP. 5.

*An act to confirm and make valid a Deed of Conveyance from Joseph L. Smallwood to Mary Hargraves.*

Passed Jan. 10, 1842.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the deed executed on the twenty-fifth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, by Joseph L. Smallwood, of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, of the one part, and Mary Hargraves, of the same county and State, of the other part, conveying certain real estate therein mentioned, to the said Mary Hargraves, be and the same is hereby confirmed and made as valid and effectual in law for all purposes whatsoever, as if the said deed duly recorded on the thirteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, among the land records of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, had been executed and acknowledged according to all the requirements of the laws of this State.

Deed made valid.

CHAPTER 5.

*An act to remedy the defects of an Indenture of Apprenticeship, made by two Justices of the Peace for Dorchester County, in favor of Samuel Sewall, of said County.*

Passed Jan. 12, 1842.

WHEREAS, Nimrod Newton and Joseph K. Traverse, two justices of the peace for Dorchester county, did, on the sixth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, bind as an apprentice to Samuel Sewall, of said county, farmer, a colored boy named Thomas Sephus, aged nine years; and whereas, said justices did omit to have the consent of the mother of said apprentice endorsed on said indenture, under her hand and seal, whereby said indenture is voidable: to remedy which defect,

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the indenture of apprenticeship, binding Thomas Sephus, a coloured boy, to Samuel Sewall, of Dorchester county, shall be as valid and effectual in law as if the mother's consent, under her hand and seal, had been endorsed on said indenture, at the time of its execution, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Indenture made valid.