

An ACT for the benefit of William Charles Neill.

WHEREAS William Charles Neill, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he removed with his family from Maryland, the place of his nativity, to the Delaware state, about two years ago, where he at present resides, and having completed the business which occasioned his removal, is now desirous to return to Maryland, but the laws, he apprehends, will not permit him to bring with him the negroes which belong to him, and which he so lately carried out of this state; and prays that he may, on his return to Maryland, be permitted to bring with him his slaves, with their issue; and this assembly thinking the prayer of the said petitioner reasonable, therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said William Charles Neill, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to bring into this state all and every of the said negroes, together with their increase since their removal as aforesaid; and the right and title of the said William Charles Neill, of, in and to the said slaves, and every of them, when removed into this state, shall be as firm and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if no law to the contrary had been made: Provided nevertheless, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which any person or persons may have against the said William Charles Neill for any of the said slaves, nor shall it be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which the said slaves, or any of them, may have to their freedom, from any other cause than being brought into this state.

An ACT for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of George-town, in Montgomery county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that great impositions daily arise from the exportation and sale of unsound salted provisions; and there not being any regulations for the prevention of such frauds, therefore,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the mayor, recorder and aldermen, of George-town, or the major part of them, shall meet between the first and twentieth days of March next, and between the first and twentieth days of March yearly and every year thereafter, during the continuance of this act, and then nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skilful in the goodness, quality and well curing, of salted beef, pork, and fish of every kind, to be inspector of salted provisions within the said town for the year ensuing.

III. *And be it enacted,* That in case of the death of such officer so appointed, or his refusal or neglect to act, the said mayor, recorder and aldermen, or the major part of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, meet together, and appoint one other such person as aforesaid in the stead of the person so dying, or refusing or neglecting to act, for the residue of the year; and if the said mayor, recorder and aldermen, shall neglect and omit to nominate and appoint such officer, then the governor and council may appoint such officer, who shall be qualified agreeably to the directions of this act, and have the like power and authority as if he had been by the said mayor, recorder and aldermen, nominated and appointed.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the first day of April next, all beef and fish barrels brought to, or imported into, George-town, from any part of this state, shall be made of good seasoned oak materials, well made, nailed with four nails in each chine hoop, and three nails in each upper bilge hoop, sufficient to hold pickle, and of the following dimensions, viz. The staves to be

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Preamble.

W. C. Neill may bring slaves into this state, &c.

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Mayor, &c. to meet, &c.

How vacancies are to be filled, &c.

Barrels to be made of seasoned oak, &c.