

Dec. Sess. 1821. and form of government directs in such case, this act and the alterations herein contained shall constitute and be considered as a part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 189.

Passed Feb 21, 1822. *An act for the relief of Colonel Roger Jones, Gracey Ann Blackwell and Catharine Monmouth.*

May retain servants.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for Roger Jones, a colonel in the army of the United States, to retain in his service, Gracey Ann Blackwell and Catharine Monmouth, free persons of color, (natives of the state of Virginia,) so long as the said Roger Jones shall remain in the military service of the United States, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

They may remain in his employ.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for Gracey Ann Blackwell and Catharine Monmouth to remain in the service of Roger Jones so long as the said Roger Jones shall continue in the military service of the United States, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Released from penalties.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Roger Jones, Gracey Ann Blackwell and Catharine Monmouth, be and they are hereby released from any and all penalties that they or either of them may have incurred in consequence of an act entitled, An act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state, passed November session eighteen hundred and six, chapter fifty-six.

CHAPTER 190.

Passed Feb. 21, 1822.

May appoint agents.

An act authorising the appointment of an Agent.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, be and he is hereby authorised to appoint one or more agents for the state, whose duty it shall be to attend to and prosecute to completion, all balances or debts now due to the state; and said agent or agents, shall be and are hereby vested with all the powers and authorities granted to the agent by an act entitled, "An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and shall govern and regulate his or their proceedings by said act, unless where its provisions are herein contravened or he or they shall otherwise be herein directed.

Credit on sales of real property.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in cases where sales of real property shall be made, a credit of three years may be allowed upon interest.

Instructions—advance.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent or agents shall, as occasion may require, apply to the governor and council, who are hereby authorised to give such directions and instructions as they may find necessary; and if in the opinion of the governor and council the interest of the state would be promoted, they are further authorised to make an advance to said agent or agents of a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, upon receiving satisfactory security for re-payment of the same.

Commission for collection.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the agent or agents appointed under his act, shall be allowed for all payments in money made to