bond shall be approved by one of the judges of Baltimore county court and sent to the treasurer of the Western Shore of this State.

SECTION II. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Western Shore to pay to the board of managers to be appointed as hereinafter directed, such sums as they shall from time to time require, not exceeding in all, the sum of twenty thousand dollars during the present year, to be applied by them, as they in their discretion shall think best, in removing or causing to be removed such slaves as may hereafter become free, and such people of color as are now free and may be willing to remove out of the State to the Colony of Liberia on the coast of Africa, or to such other place or places out of the limits of the State as they may think best, and as the said persons so to be removed, may consent to go to, in the manner hereinafter provided; and the said board may from time to time make such preparations at the said Colony of Liberia or elsewhere as they may think best, which shall seem to them expedient for the reception and accommodation and support of the said persons so to be removed, until they can be enabled to support themselves and shall also take such measures as may seem to them necessary and expedient to obtain and place before the people of color of the State of Maryland, full and correct information of the condition and circumstances of the Colony of Liberia, or such other place or places to which they may recommend their removal, and shall return a faithful account of all their expenditures of the said sums and make a full report of all their proceedings to the next general assembly of this State.

SECTION III. *And be it enacted*, That it shall hereafter be the duty of every clerk of a county in this State, whenever a deed of manumission shall be left in his office for record, and of every Register of Wills, in every county of this State, whenever a will, manumitting a slave or slaves, shall be admitted to probate, to send within five days thereafter, (under a penalty of ten dollars for each and every omission so to do, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, one-half whereof shall go to the informer and the other half to the State;) an extract from such deed or will, stating the names, number and ages of the slave or slaves so manumitted, (a list whereof, in the case of a will so proved, shall be filed therewith, by the executor or administrator) to the board of managers for Maryland, for removing the people of color of said State; and it shall be the duty of the said board on receiving the same to notify the American Colonization Society, or the Maryland State Colonization Society thereof, and to propose to such society that they shall engage, at the expense of such society, to remove the said slave or slaves so manumitted to Liberia; and if the said society shall so engage, then it shall be the duty of the said board of managers to have the said slave or slaves delivered to the agent of such society, at such place as the said society shall appoint, for receiving such slave or slaves, for the purpose of such removal, at such time as the said society shall appoint; and in case the said society shall refuse so to receive and remove the person or persons so manumitted and offered, or in case the said person or persons shall refuse so to be removed, then it shall be the duty of the said board of managers to remove the said person or persons to such other place or places beyond the limits of this State, as the said board shall approve of, and the said person or persons shall be willing to go to, and to provide for their reception and support at such place or places as the said board may think necessary, until they shall be able to provide for themselves, out of any money that may be earned by their hire, or may be otherwise provided for that purpose, and in case the said person or persons shall refuse to be removed to any place beyond the limits of this State, and shall persist in remaining therein, then it shall be the duty of said board to inform the sheriff of the county wherein such person or persons may be, of such refusal, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the said sheriff forthwith to arrest or cause to be arrested the said person or persons so refusing to emigrate from this State, and transport the said person or persons beyond the limits of this State; and all slaves shall be capable of receiving manumission, for the purpose of removal as aforesaid, with their consent, of whatever age, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION IV. *And be it enacted*, That in case any slave or slaves so manumitted, cannot be removed without separating families, and the said slave or slaves unwilling on that account to be removed, shall desire to renounce the freedom so intended by the said deed or will to be given, then it shall and may be competent to such slave or slaves so to renounce in open court the benefit of said deed or will, and to continue a slave.

SECTION V. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be competent for the Orphan's Court of this State, and for Baltimore City Court, to grant annually a permit to any slave or slaves so manumitted as aforesaid, to remain as free in the said county, in cases where the said courts may be satisfied by respectable testimony that such slave or slaves so manumitted deserve such permission on account of their extraordinary good conduct and character; *Provided*, such permit shall not exempt any manumittor or his representatives, or his estate, from any liability to maintain any hereafter emancipated slave, who, at the time his or her right to freedom accrues, may be unable to gain a livelihood, or be over forty-five years of age at said time, and afterwards become unable to maintain himself or herself.

SECTION VI. *And be it enacted*, That the said Board of Managers shall in all cases where the removal of a slave or slaves manumitted as aforesaid, shall devolve upon them, have

full power and authority, whenever the same shall be necessary and can be done with advantage, to hire out such slave or slaves so manumitted and so to be removed, until their wages shall produce a sufficient sum to defray all expenses attending their removal, and necessary support at the place or places of such removal.

SECTION VII. *And be it enacted*, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby authorized, and required, for the purpose of paying for the transportation of the colored population of this State, to borrow on the credit of the State, in certificates of stock, not less than one thousand dollars each, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, redeemable at the expiration of fifteen years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum: and the faith of the State is hereby pledged for the payment of the said principal when due, and the interest accruing semi-annually until paid; and the money so borrowed, is hereby appropriated to pay for the removal of the free colored population of the several counties of this State; and the said Treasurer is also required to borrow, on similar terms, and payable at the lapse of fifteen years from the date of the loan, such further sum or sums as may be required to pay the expenses incurred under this law, in removing the free people of color in this State to Liberia or elsewhere, beyond the limits of this State—*provided always*, that the amount of loans made, shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION VIII. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of raising a fund to pay the principal and interest of the loans authorized and required by this act, the levy courts or commissioners of the several counties of this State, as the case may be, and the Mayor and city council of Baltimore are hereby authorized annually during the continuance of this act to levy on the assessable property within their respective counties, clear of the expense of collection, severally as follows:—On Somerset county, the sum of three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents; on Worcester county, the sum of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty three cents; on Dorchester county, the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents; on Talbot county, the sum of two hundred and seventy-six dollars; on Queen Anne's county, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-three cents; on Caroline county, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; on Kent county, the sum of two hundred and eighty-one dollars; and on Cecil county, the sum of three hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-six cents; on Harford county, the sum of three hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-six cents; on Baltimore county, the sum of three thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars and sixty-six cents; on Anne Arundel county, the sum of six hundred and fifty-four dollars; on Prince George county, the sum of five hundred and twelve dollars and sixty-six cents; on Calvert county, the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-six cents; on St. Mary's county, the sum of two hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-three cents; on Charles county, the sum of four hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-six cents; on Montgomery county, the sum of three hundred and forty dollars and sixty-six cents; on Frederick county, the sum of nine hundred and forty-four dollars and sixty-six cents; on Washington county, the sum of four hundred and ninety-one dollars and thirty-one cents; and on Alleghany county, the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars; which said amount or sum shall be collected in the same manner and by the same collector or collectors as county charges are collected, the levy courts or commissioners as the case may be, and the Mayor and city council of Baltimore respectively taking bond with sufficient security from each collector for the faithful collection and payment of the money in the treasury of the Eastern or Western Shore, as the case may be, at the time of paying other public moneys to and for the use of the State.

SECTION IX. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriffs of the several counties of this State shall be, and they are hereby required, to cause the number of the free people of color, inhabiting their respective counties, to be taken, and cause to be made a list of the names of the said free people of color residing in their respective counties; the said enumeration shall distinguish the sexes of said free people of color, and the said list shall state the ages of such free people of color, for affecting which the sheriffs aforesaid shall have power, and are hereby required, to appoint one or more assistants in their respective counties; the said list of names and the said enumeration shall be made by an actual inquiry by such sheriff or his assistant at every dwelling house, or by personal inquiry of the head of every family; the said listing and enumeration shall commence on the first day of June next, and be completed within three months thereafter, and the said sheriffs shall make out two copies of said list and enumeration, stating the names, sexes, and ages of the free people of color in their respective counties, and shall deliver one copy to the clerk of their respective counties, whose duty it shall be to record the same in a book, by him to be kept for that purpose, and the other copy shall be by said sheriffs transmitted to the board of managers appointed under this act, and every sheriff failing to comply with the duties prescribed in this section, shall forfeit two hundred dollars, to be recoverable in the courty court of their respective counties, by action of debt or indictment.

SECTION X. *And be it enacted*, That the compensation of every sheriff and assistant shall be at the rate of two dollars and twenty five cents for every fifty persons by him returned, except where such person resides in the city of Baltimore, where such sheriff or assistant

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