such oath, Be it further Enacted, that where any person hath taken or shall hereafter take the oath prescribed by this act, that the Certificate thereof may be lodged with the Clerk of the Court of the County where such person resides, who shall enter the same on record; and if required grant a Copy thereof, which shall be as valid and effectual as the original. —

No negro, or mulatto, shall be a Witness, except in pleas of the Commonwealth, against negroes or Mulattoes, or in Civil pleas, where negroes or Mulattoes alone shall be parties.

No slaves shall go from the tenements of his Master or other persons with whom he lives, without a pass, or some letter or token, whereby it may appear that he is proceeding by authority from his master, employer, or Overseer. If he does it shall be lawful for any person to apprehend, and carry him before a Justice of the peace, to be by his order punished with stripes, or not, in his discretion. And if any slave shall presume to come and be upon the plantation of any person whatsoever, without leave, in writing, from his or her owner, or overseer, not being sent upon lawful business, it shall be lawful for the owner or overseer of such plantation, to give or order such slave ten lashes on his or her bare back for every such offence. —

No negro or Mulatto whatsoever shall keep or carry any Gun, powder, shot, club, or other weapon whatsoever, offensive or defensive, but all and every Gun, Weapon, and ammunition found in the possession or Custody, of any negro or mulatto, may be seized by any person, and upon due proof thereof made before any

any Justice of the peace of the County or Corporation where such seizure shall be, shall by his order be forfeited to the seizor for his own use; and moreover any such offender, shall have and receive by order of such Justice, any number of lashes not exceeding thirty nine, on his or her bare back, well laid on, for every such offence. Provided Nevertheless, That every free negro or Mulatto being a house-keeper, may be permitted to keep one Gun, powder and Shot; and all negroes and mulattoes, bond or free, living at any frontier plantation, may be permitted to keep and use guns, powder, shot and weapons, offensive, and defensive, by licence from a Justice of peace of the County wherein such plantation lies, to be obtained upon the application of free negroes or Mulattoes, or of the owners of such as are slaves. — Every person other than a negro, or whose grand fathers or grand mothers any one is, or shall have been a negro, although all his other progenitors, except that descending from the negro, shall have been white persons, shall be deemed a Mulatto; and so every such person who shall have one fourth part or more of negro blood, shall in like manner be deemed a Mulatto.

Riots, routs, unlawful Assemblies, trespasses and sedition, speeches by a slave or slaves, shall be punished with stripes at the discretion of a Justice of the peace, and he who will, may apprehend and carry him, her or them before such Justice. —

And to prevent the inconveniencies arising from the meetings of Slaves, Be it further Enacted, That if any master, mistress or overseer of a family shall