at every such trial of Slaves for Capitol offences, the person first named in the Commission, then sitting, shall before the examination of any negro or mulatto, not being a Christian, charge such evidence to declare the truth; which charge shall be in the words following, to wit; "You are brought hither as a Witness, and by the "direction of the law, I am to tell you before you give "your evidence, that you must tell the truth, the "whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and that if "it be found hereafter that you tell a lie or give "false testimony in this matter, you must for so doing "have both your ears nailed to the pillory and cut "off; and receive thirty nine lashes on your bare back, "well laid on at the common whipping post."

It shall be Law full for any person by his or her last will and testament, or by any other instrument in writing, under his or her hand and seal, attested and proved in the County or Corporation Court by two Witnesses, or acknowledged by the party in the Court of the County where he or she resides to emancipate and set free, his or her slaves, or any of them, who shall thereupon be entirely and fully discharged from the performance of any contract entered into during servitude, and enjoy as full freedom, as if they had been particularly named and freed by this act. Provided Nevertheless, That all slaves so emancipated, shall be liable to be taken by execution, to satisfy any debt contracted by the person emancipating them, before such emancipation is made.— Provided always, That all slaves so set free, not being in the Judgment of the Court of sound mind and body,

body, or being above the age of forty five years, or being males under the age of twenty one, or females under the age of eighteen years, shall respectively be supported and maintained by the person so liberating them, or by his or her estate; and upon neglect or refusal so to do, the Court of the County or Corporation, where such neglect or refusal may be, is hereby empowered and required upon application to them made, to order the Sheriff or other officer to distrain and sell so much of the persons estate, as shall be sufficient for that purpose. Provided also, That every person by written instrument in his lifetime, or if by last will and testament, the executors of any person freeing any slave, shall cause to be delivered to him or her, a Copy of the instrument of emancipation, attested by the Clerk of the Court of the County or Corporation, who shall be paid therefor by the person emancipating eighty three cents, to be collected in the manner of other Clerks fees. Every person on neglecting or refusing to deliver to any slave by him or her set free such Copy, shall forfeit and pay thirty dollars; to be recovered with costs, in any Court of Record, one half thereof to the person suing for the same, and the other to the person to whom such Copy ought to have been delivered.

It shall be lawful for any Justice of the peace to Commit to jail of his County or Corporation, any emancipated slave traveling out of the County of his or her residence, without a Copy of the Instrument of his or her emancipation, there to remain till such Copy is produced, and the Jailers fees paid.—

In Case any slave so liberated, shall neglect in any year to pay all taxes and levies imposed, or to be