be imposed by law, the Court of the County or Corporation, shall order the Sheriff or serjeant to hire out him or her for so long time as will raise the said taxes and levies, provided sufficient distress cannot be made upon his or her estate.—

Saving nevertheless to all and every person and persons, bodies politic or Corporate, and their heirs and successors, other than the person or persons, claiming under those so emancipating their slaves, all such right and title as they or them, could or might claim if this act had never been made. All negro and mulatto slaves in all Courts of Judicature within this commonwealth, shall be held taken and adjudged to personal estate.—

If any widow possessed of a slave or slaves, as of the dower of her husband, shall remove or voluntarily permit to be removed out of this commonwealth, such slave or slaves, or any of their increase, without the consent of him or her in reversion, such widow shall forfeit all and every such slave or slaves, and all other the dower which she holds of the endowment of her husbands estate unto the person or persons that shall have the reversion thereof; any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.—

If any widow possessed as aforesaid, shall be married to a husband, who shall remove, or voluntarily permit to be removed out of this Commonwealth, any such slave or slaves, or any of their increase, without the consent of him or her in reversion; in such Case it shall be lawful for him or her in reversion to enter into, possess, and enjoy all the estate which said husband holdeth in right of his wifes dower; for and during the life of the said husband.—

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Where one or more slaves shall descend from a person dying intestate, and an equal division thereof cannot be made in kind, on account of the nature of the property, it shall be lawful for the high Court of Chancery, or the Court of the County or Corporation, by which the administration to the estate of the intestate was granted, to direct the sale of such slave or slaves, and the distribution of the money arising therefrom, according to the rights of each claimant. Provided always, that each claimant shall first be duly summoned to shew cause if any he can against such sale.—

No gift or gifts of any slave or slaves, shall be good or sufficient to pass any estate in such slave or slaves, to any person or persons whatsoever, unless the same be made by will, duly proved and recorded, or by deed in writing, to be proved by two Witnesses at the least, or acknowledged by donor and recorded in the District Court, or the Court of the County or Corporation, where one of the parties lives, within eight months after the date of such deed or writing.—

This act shall be construed to extend only to gifts of slaves, whereof the donors have, notwithstanding such gifts, remained in the possession; and not to gifts of such slaves, as have at any time come into the actual possession of, and have remained with the donee, or some person claiming under such donee. Provided always, that nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to alter any adjudication heretofore made, nor to affect the interest of any bonafide purchasor for a valuable consideration, or creditor of the donor, before the donee hath been at least three years in possession of the slave or slaves under