under such gift nor in any manner to restrain or effect the operation of the act of Limitation. —

No master of any ship, or any other Vessel, shall transport or carry any servant whatsoever, or any negro, mulatto, or other slave out of this Commonwealth, without the consent or permission of the person or persons to whom such servant or slave doth of right belong, upon penalty of forfeiting and paying one hundred and fifty dollars for every servant, and three hundred dollars for every slave transported or carried hence, contrary to this act; one moiety to the Commonwealth, and the other moiety to the owner of such servant or slave, to be recovered with costs, by action of debt or information in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth; and moreover, such master shall be liable to the suit of the party grieved at the common law, for his or her damages. — In any action which shall be brought against the Master of a ship or Vessel under this act, the Court wherein the same shall be depending, may rule the defendant to give special bail, if they see cause, and shall not allow him to plead in bar, or give in evidence, any act or statute of limitation; any former or other law to the contrary notwithstanding. —

All and every act and acts, clauses and parts of acts, within the purview of this act, shall be, and are hereby repealed; Provided Nevertheless, That all rights, remedies, fines, penalties and forfeitures, incurred or accrued under any former act, shall remain the same condition as if this act had not been made.

This act shall commence and be in force, from and after the passing thereof. —

A Copy from the Roll
Teste
J. Pleasants Jr. Keeper of the Rolls. —

Virginia, to wit:

I do hereby certify that James Pleasants Jr. who signs the annexed act of the General Assembly is Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls in this Commonwealth and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all things certified by him as such. —

Seal of the Commonwealth

Given under my hand as Governor and under the Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond the Fifth day of March 1806. —

Wm. H. Cabell.

And because the Court here will advise themselves before they give their Judgment of and upon the premises, day therefore is given to the parties aforesaid until next Court, to hear their Judgment of and upon the premises, because the Court here thereof are not advised and So forth. —

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Monday of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~eight~~ six, comes again into the Court here, as well the said Robert Oakes by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Robert Stewart by his attorney aforesaid; Whereupon all and singular the premises being by the Court here seen, heard, and fully understood, and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here, that the said Robert Oakes, the Petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his Freedom, as he by his Petition to the Court here hath alledged; Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Robert Oakes the Petitioner