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LXVII.
Certain slaves
may be re-
moved, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any citizen of this state hath acquired or shall acquire property in any slave or slaves, being residents of any of the United States before the twenty-first day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, or in the descendant or descendants of such slaves, being residents as aforesaid, by marriage, bequest, in course of distribution, or as guardian, such citizen may remove and bring such slave or slaves into this state, for the purpose only of employing or working such slave or slaves within this state, as herein before mentioned, and not for sale; provided, that a list of such slave or slaves be rendered in the manner herein before directed by a citizen of this state, on his bringing slaves into this state as herein before allowed; and provided also, that the owners of such slaves may sell them after such slaves have been residents for three years within this state.

Part of an act
repealed.

XII. And be it enacted, That all that part of an act, entitled, An act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will and testament, which is contained within the third section thereof, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Freedom may
be granted by
will, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, capable in law to make a valid will and testament, to grant freedom to, and effect the manumission of, any slave or slaves belonging to such person or persons, by his, her or their last will and testament, and such manumission of any slave or slaves may be made to take effect at the death of the testator or testators, or at such other periods as may be limited in such last will and testament; provided always, that no manumission hereafter to be made by last will and testament shall be effectual to give freedom to any slave or slaves, if the same shall be in prejudice of creditors, nor unless the said slave or slaves shall be under the age of forty-five years, and able to work and gain a sufficient maintenance and livelihood, at the time the freedom given shall commence.

Parts of former acts
repealed.

XIV. And, whereas it is contrary to the dictates of humanity, and the principles of the christian religion, to inflict personal penalties on children for the offence of their parents, Be it enacted, That all those parts of an act, entitled, An act relative to servants and slaves, and of another act, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves, which impose servitude to the age of thirty-one years on the issue of certain inordinate copulations, mentioned in the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of the said first mentioned act, and in the second and third sections of the said last mentioned act, shall be and they are hereby repealed; provided always, that nothing in this act shall affect the right of any person or persons whatsoever to the servitude of any such issue heretofore acquired under the repealed parts of the act aforesaid.

Penalty on
persons, fraud-
ulently ex-
porting free
negroes, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall forcibly or fraudulently transport or carry, or cause to be transported or carried, out of this state, any free negro or mulatto, knowing such negro or mulatto to be free, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of eight hundred dollars for every negro or mulatto so transported or carried, or caused to be transported or carried, one half to the use of the county in which the recovery may be had, and the other to the informer, to be recovered by action of debt, or bill of indictment; and if the said sum be not paid, or secured to be paid, as herein directed, within thirty days after judgment, then such person or persons shall and may be adjudged by the court to serve on the roads for any period not exceeding five years; and if any person or persons shall transport or carry, or cause to be transported or carried, out of this state, any negro or mulatto entitled to freedom at a certain age, and sell or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be sold or otherwise disposed of, out of this state, such negro or mulatto as a slave for life, or for a longer time than he has to serve by law, knowing such negro or mulatto to be entitled to freedom at a certain age, every such person or persons shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum