

Negro to  
be sold for  
\$5.  
Condition-  
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Or sold out  
of the state.  
Report of  
sales  
required.  
Disposition  
of proceeds.

Exception  
in favour of  
border land  
holders, &c.

On infor-  
mation of a  
slave being  
introduced.

Warrant  
directed.

Recogni-  
zance re-  
quired.

Or com-  
mittal.

county court of the county where the offence shall be committed, and upon conviction thereof, the said court shall, by its order, direct said sheriff to sell any negro, mulatto, or other slaves so seized and taken by him under this act, to the colonization society, for said five dollars, and the prison fees of any negro, mulatto, or other slave, to be taken to Liberia; and if the said colonization society will not receive such negroes, mulattoes, or other slaves, for said five dollars each, and the prison fees of each, upon refusing, said sheriff shall, after three weeks public notice, given by public advertisements, sell any such negro, mulatto, or other slave, to some person or persons, with a condition that any such negro, mulatto, or other slave, shall be removed and taken forthwith beyond the limits of this state, to settle and reside; and said sheriff shall report any sale or sales made by him to the county court of the county in which he resides, and after deducting five dollars and prison fees for each and every negro, mulatto, or other slave, sold as aforesaid, which shall be settled by an account current, to be settled in said court, said sheriff shall pay over the balance of said sales to the treasurer of the shore where he may reside; *Provided*, that this act shall not be so construed as to prevent any person or persons residing in this or any adjoining state, and who hold in their own right, or in right of any other persons, lands in both states within ten miles of each other, from removing their slaves to and from said lands, solely for the cultivation and improvement of the same; *And provided also*, the names, ages, and sex, of any slaves so removed, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of such county in this state, into which the said negroes shall be so removed, within thirty days after their removal.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of all justices of the peace in the county, upon information being given them, or any of them, that any negro, mulatto, or other slaves, hath been brought into this state contrary to this act, to issue warrant for any person or persons so offending, in the name of the state of Maryland, and upon any person or persons being brought before him on said warrant, chargeable with the offence aforesaid, to cause any such person or persons to enter into recognizance for her, his, or their personal appearance before the judges of the county court to plead and answer to whatsoever may be there alleged in that behalf, with such penalty in said recognizance as said justice of the peace shall approve; and upon refusal to give such recognizance, such person or persons so offending, shall be committed to the said jail of the county by said justice of the peace, to be confined until the next meeting of the county court of the county in which said offence shall be committed.