

CHAPTER 268.

AN ACT to continue in force the Acts of Assembly which would expire with the present session of the General Assembly.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such acts, or parts of acts, as would expire with the present session of the general assembly, be, and the same are hereby continued in force to the last Monday of December next, and to the end of the session of the general assembly thereafter.

Acts continued.

CHAPTER 274.

AN ACT, entitled, an Act making it penal to sell a certain description of Property, under certain circumstances.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever an action of replevin shall be brought in this state, and the property in dispute shall be any mulatto, negro or negro slave, it shall not be lawful for either plaintiff or defendant, or any other person in whose possession such mulatto, negro or negro slave shall be, to sell such mulatto, negro or negro slaves, until such action of replevin shall first have been determined, and any sale thus made shall be void, unless an order of the court authorizing such sale, be first had and obtained.

In case of replevy of a negro, &c.

Sale prohibited.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every person, his or her counsellors, aiders or abettors, who shall be duly convicted of selling or transporting such mulatto, negro or negro slave, beyond the limits of this state, before the final decision of said action of replevin, or without an order of the court as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary, for a period of time, not less than two nor more than ten years, to be treated as the law directs; *Provided nevertheless,* this second section shall not extend to any person or persons, who by the finding of the jury in such action of replevin, shall be determined to be the rightful owner or owners of such mulatto, negro or negro slave.

Deemed felony.

Punishment

Provido.

CHAPTER 276.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act concerning the amendment of Judicial Proceedings.

A Supplement, 1836, ch. 219.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all actions of ejectment, now pending or hereafter to be instituted in any of the courts of law of this state, the declaration may be so amended as to bring the true merits of the controversy fairly to trial; *Provided,* that no new party be added, except in cases where new parties may be made according to

Declaration may be amended.