

testament, which is contained within the third section thereof, shall be and is hereby repealed.

SEC. 13. *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.

Freedom may be granted by will, &c.

By 1809, ch. 171, persons manumitting slaves, to take effect at the expiration of years, or upon contingencies, may determine the condition of the issue, born during the time of service. If they omit to do so, their condition to be that of slaves.

See 1831, ch. 281, sec. 3, 4 and 5, as to the conditions connected with their right to freedom, imposed on manumitted slaves. The restriction imposed by this section as to age, is removed in favour of those who are willing to remove to Liberia,

SEC. 14. *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first mentioned act, and in the second and third sections of the said last mentioned act, shall be and they are hereby repealed; provided always, that nothing in this act shall affect the right of any person or persons whatsoever to the servitude of any such issue heretofore acquired under the repealed parts of the act aforesaid.

Part of former acts repealed.

\* 1715, ch. 44.  
† 1728, ch. 4.

SEC. 15. Merged in 1809, ch. 138, sec. 4.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall import or bring into this state, any free negro or mulatto, or any person bound to service for a term of years only, and shall sell or otherwise dispose of such free negro, mulatto, or person bound to serve for a term of years only, as a slave for life, or for any longer time

Or importing them into this state, &c.