

ed where
negroes are
born free.

apply to the clerk of the county where he, she or they, shall reside, to grant him, her or them, a certificate of their freedom, and the said clerk shall, upon sufficient evidence of such negro or negroes so applying being born free, grant to such negro or negroes a certificate thereof, setting forth the manner in which such negro or negroes became entitled to his, her or their freedom, and shall describe such negro or negroes in such certificate, in the same manner as is prescribed in the first section of this act; and the said clerk shall keep a registry thereof, and shall not grant any other certificate to any such negro or negroes, unless upon such testimony of his, her or their having lost the former certificate of his, her or their freedom, as is required from negroes who have been manumitted or freed as before mentioned.

Fees to the
clerks and
registers.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That for each and every certificate of freedom granted under this act, the clerk or register, as the case may be, shall receive fifty cents, as a compensation for his trouble.

CHAPTER 80.

AN ACT to prevent free Negroes from selling any Corn, Wheat or Tobacco, without having a license for that purpose from a Justice of the Peace.

Supplements and other laws are, 1806, ch. 81; 1825, ch. 199; 1831, ch. 323.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, great inconvenience is felt in this state in consequence of free negroes receiving stolen corn, wheat and tobacco, from slaves, and selling the same as the production of their own labour; therefore,

No free
negro to sell
corn, &c.
without a
certificate.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first of May next, no free negro shall sell any corn, wheat or tobacco, unless, at the time of his or her so selling the said article or articles, he or she shall be possessed of a certificate, under the hand and seal of a justice of the peace of said county, that he or she is a peaceable and orderly person, and of good character, which certificate shall be of force for one year and no longer.

1825, ch. 199, extends the prohibition to the sales of tobacco.

Penalty on
free negroes
so offending

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any free negro shall act contrary to the provisions of this act, the person so offending shall incur the penalty of five dollars for every such offence, one-half to the informer, the other half to be applied to the use of the county, and to be recovered as other fines and forfeitures, before a justice of the peace in the county where such offence shall be committed.

Penalty on
persons

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any person who shall purchase or receive from any free negro, any corn, wheat or tobacco,