

negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, shall be valid and effectual in law to give freedom to any such slave or slaves, and their issue, although such deed of manumission, or writing as aforesaid, may not have been evidenced by two or more good and sufficient witnesses.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That a copy of any such deed of manumission or writing as aforesaid, taken from the records of the county, and duly attested under the seal of the court, shall at all times hereafter be deemed, to all intents and purposes, good evidence to prove such deed of manumission; *Provided always*, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to affect or destroy the right of any person, who, before the passage of this act, was a bona fide purchaser of any slave or slaves claiming his, her or their freedom under such deeds of manumission; *And provided also*, that notwithstanding such deed of manumission, no slave shall be entitled to his or her freedom under the provisions of this act, who has been heretofore adjudged to be a slave by any court of law in this state.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall hereafter sell or dispose of any servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, after any particular time, or upon a contingency, to any person who is not a bona fide resident of this state, and who has not resided therein for the space of at least one year, next preceding such sale, and if any person holding any such servant or slave shall sell him or her to any person who is not a resident as aforesaid, or who shall sell such servant or slave for a term of years longer than he or she is bound to serve, such person making any of said sales shall forfeit and pay five hundred dollars for any such servant or slave so sold, to be recovered by action of debt in the county court of the county where such seller may reside, one-half whereof to the use of the county in which the recovery may be had, and the other to the person who may prosecute for the same.

By 1817, ch. 112, no such sale to be made to any person employed to purchase for a person not being resident; nor for a longer time than the slave is bound to serve. Persons offending herein to be indicted, and on conviction, sentenced to the penitentiary, &c.

By 1833, ch. 224, the county courts may authorize masters to sell out of the state, turbulent slaves owned for a term of years.

CHAPTER 28.

A further additional SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,* entitled, an Act to direct Descents. *1786, ch. 45.

Repealed by 1820, ch. 191.

known in manner heretofore directed, declared valid. * 1796, ch. 67.

Copy of any such deed, duly attested, to be deemed good evidence to prove the same. Provisos.

No slave entitled to freedom after a term of years, to be sold out of the state, &c.