

latto, until such negro or mulatto shall produce a regularly authenticated certificate of freedom from some clerk or register of the county courts of this state, accompanied by a duly authenticated certificate by the clerk of the county court, where such vessel may clear out, said certificate to have a description of said negro or mulatto, his or her name, age, place of birth, height, colour and residence, previous to applying for the same.

Register of  
certificates;  
Fee.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said clerk of court shall keep a register, with description list of all applicants receiving certificates, and shall be entitled to receive one dollar for each person who may apply to inspect said register and list of applicants.

Master of  
vessel to  
keep and  
shew  
register.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of every master or officer of such vessel to keep a register and description list of each and every negro or mulatto received on board, which he shall exhibit to any person applying to see the same, and give every facility of search, under a penalty of one hundred dollars for each refusal or neglect to do the same, to be recovered by action of debt in the county court, one-half to the use of the state, the remainder to the plaintiff.

Penalty for  
neglect.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any master or officer of vessels shall transport from this state any negro or mulatto without having complied with the requisites of this act, shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in any county court of this state; one-half of the sum to the use of the state, the other half to the owner or party who shall sue for the same.

#### CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT relating to the Trustees of the Poor and Judges of the Orphans Courts of the several Counties in this State.

Authority  
given to  
trustees of  
the poor.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor of the several counties in this state, or any three of them, to bind out any negro or mulatto child or children under their care in the poor house of said counties, as they are now authorized by law to bind out, without requiring that such education shall be given to the said child or children as masters are obliged to give to apprentices bound by the several orphans courts of this state.

To orphans  
court.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the several orphans courts in this state, to bind out any free negro or mulatto child or children that may come or be brought before them to be bound out, in the same manner and with the same provisions as are required by the first section of this act, in the case of children bound out by the trustees of the poor.