

or license from the owner or possessor thereof first had and obtained, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the party grieved the sum of five dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace in the name of the State: this section not to apply to Dorchester county.

#### HORSE STEALING.

68. Every person convicted of feloniously stealing, taking and carrying away any horse, mare, gelding; colt, ass, or mule, or as accessory thereto before or after the fact, shall restore the horse, mare, or animal stolen, to the owner thereof, or shall pay to him the full value thereof, and shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than fourteen years.

#### IMPORTING CONVICTS OR SLAVES.

69. Every commanding officer, captain, or master of any vessel, who shall be convicted of wilfully importing in the same into this State from any foreign country, and not any part of the United States, any felon or convict, or any slave, knowing him to be such; and every person convicted of bringing into this State by land or water, any negro from any foreign country not a part of the United States, with intent to sell and dispose of such negro within this State, as a slave, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than eighteen months nor more than five years.

70. No citizen of any State, district, or territory, or the agent of any State, district, or territory in the United States, or any citizen of this State, shall import or bring into this State by land or water, any slave for life or for a term of years, for sale or to reside within this State, who shall have been convicted of any crime for which exportation from such State, district, or territory shall be the punishment; and any person so offending, on conviction, shall be subject to a penalty for each slave of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars; one-half of which shall go to the informer, and the other half to the State. And the informer is hereby declared to be a competent witness.

71. No citizen included in the preceding section, shall knowingly hold as property in this State, any slave for life or for a term of years, who shall have been convicted of any crime in any other State, district or territory in the United States, for which exportation from such State, district or territory, shall have been