

paper, handbill or other paper of an inflammatory character, and having a tendency to excite discontent or stir up insurrection amongst the negroes of this State, or of either of the other States or territories of the United States, or knowingly carry or send, or aid in the carrying or sending the same for circulation amongst the inhabitants of either of the other States or territories of the United States, and any person so offending shall be guilty of a felony, and shall, on conviction, be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than ten nor more than twenty years.

75. If any free negro shall knowingly call for, demand or receive, any abolition handbill, pamphlet, newspaper, pictorial representation, or other paper of an inflammatory character, having a tendency to create discontent amongst or stir up to insurrection the negroes in this State, at or from any post office situated within this State, or shall knowingly receive or have in his possession any such handbill, pamphlet, newspaper, pictorial representation, or other paper, he shall be deemed guilty of felony, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than ten nor more than twenty years.

76. It shall be the duty of every inhabitant of this State, who shall know that any such handbill, pamphlet, newspaper, pictorial representation, or other paper, is or shall have been in possession of any free negro, to give immediate notice of the same to some justice of this State, for the county or city, as the case may be, and if any inhabitant of the State shall fail so to do, he shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than sixty days, at the discretion of the court.

77. It shall be the duty of the courts, in open court, to give the three preceding sections in charge to the grand juries at every session of the said courts respectively, and it shall be the duty of the grand juries to cause to be summoned before them, at every term of the said court, if they deem it proper, all the postmasters, their agents, and deputies, in their respective counties and city, and to examine them particularly touching any violation of the said sections.

78. Whenever any newspaper, or other periodical publication, printed, issued or published in this State, shall contain any obscene or licentious matter, whether the same be contained in any professional or other advertisements, or in any other article,