

any contract any such servant or slave, who is or may be entitled to freedom as aforesaid, knowing that such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, or if any person who shall be procured, engaged or employed to purchase servants or slaves for any other person not being resident as aforesaid, shall purchase or receive on any contract any such servant or slave, entitled to freedom as aforesaid, knowing such servant or slave is entitled to freedom as aforesaid, with an intention to transport such servant or slave out of the State, he shall be liable to be indicted in any court having criminal jurisdiction in this State, where he may be found, and on conviction, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than eighteen months nor more than two years; and such slave or slaves shall be sold by order of the court for the unexpired time of their servitude, for the use of the county or city in which such conviction shall be had; *Provided, nevertheless,* that if any such person who shall have purchased or received such servant or slave, without knowing of his title to freedom after a term of years, or after any particular time, or upon any contingency, shall, immediately after knowing thereof, give information on oath to one of the justices of the peace of the county where the seller shall reside, or in the county where such person may reside, or the sale may have been made, of such sale and purchase, he shall not be liable to prosecution.

96. The provisions of the preceding section are hereby extended to all cases where any person being a resident of this State shall purchase or receive, on any contract, any servant or slave who is or may be entitled to freedom after a term of years, or after any particular time, or upon any contingency, knowing that such servant or slave is so entitled to freedom, with an intention to transport such servant or slave out of the State, and to all cases where any person, being a resident of this State, shall remove such servant or slave out of this State, and shall sell the same, knowing the said servant or slave to be so entitled to freedom.

97. If any person shall import or bring into this State any free negro, or any person bound to service for a term of years only, and shall sell or otherwise dispose of such free negro, or person bound to serve for a term of years only, as a slave for life, or for any longer time than by law such person may be bound to serve, knowing such negro to be free or entitled to freedom at a certain age, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of eight hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt or in-