

CHAP. 170. to the clerk of Kent county court, and by him recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose, within ten days from the date thereof, or such certificate shall be void and of no effect, and the said clerk shall have a right to demand and receive, from each free negro or free mulatto, whose certificate he shall record, the sum of ten cents for recording the same, and all certificates obtained and recorded as aforesaid shall be good and available in law for twelve months from the date thereof, and no longer.

Penalty for selling or buying contrary to this act

9. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if any person or persons shall sell, buy or barter, any of the articles before mentioned, or any article or thing whatever in Kent county, to, of, with or from, any slave or servant, free negro or free mulatto, contrary to the provisions of this act, that such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty dollars for every such offence, to be adjudged and recovered, on indictment and conviction thereof, in the county court of the said county, the one half for the use and benefit of the informer, and the other half for the use and benefit of the said county.

On failure to pay fine may be confined in gaol

10. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if, on the conviction aforesaid, the person or persons so convicted shall fail to pay immediately the fine aforesaid, the county court of the said county shall order the said person or persons, so convicted, to be confined in the public gaol of the said county for a time not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the said county court.

Person counterfeiting signature of magistrate to be punished

11. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if any person or persons shall counterfeit or forge the signature or hand writing of any magistrate or magistrates to any certificate or instrument of writing giving a license to any free negro or free mulatto, to sell, buy or barter, any article whatever, according to the fifth section of this act, that such person or persons, for every such offence, on indictment and conviction thereof in the county court of the said county, shall by the judges of the said court, if a slave, be sentenced to receive a number of lashes on his or her bare back, not exceeding forty, and if a free person shall be ordered to be confined in the public gaol of the said county for a time not exceeding six months.

Court to grant license at their discretion

12. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That nothing in this act contained shall make it obligatory on the judges of Kent county court, or any of them, to grant a license to retail spirituous liquors, strong beer or cider, in Kent county, to any applicant who shall comply with the provisions of this act, but the granting of the same shall be at the discretion of the said judges, or any of them.

Negroes travelling may be entertained

13. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That this law shall not be construed to prevent ordinary keepers from entertaining negroes or mulattoes travelling through the said county.

Act to be given in charge to grand juries

14. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That this act shall be given in charge to the grand jury of the aforesaid county court at the beginning of every term of the said court.

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A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a Bank, and incorporate a Company, under the title of The Planters Bank of Prince George's County. Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 325.*

Concerns of bank how to be managed

1. **BE IT ENACTED,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the concerns of the Planters Bank of Prince-George's county shall be managed by twelve directors, and a president, the direc-