

CHAP. LVI.

CHAP. 56.

An Act to prohibit the emigration of Free Negroes into this state. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 252.

Passed Jan 3, 1807

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no free negro or mulatto shall emigrate to, or settle in, this state, after the passage of this act, under the penalty of ten dollars for every week any such person shall remain in the state after the expiration of two weeks, and any free negro or mulatto who shall refuse or neglect to pay the fine imposed by this act, or who shall not give such security to any justice of the peace of the county in which they shall be found, for his departure from this state within two weeks, as the judge or judges of the county court, or the said justices, shall approve of, shall be committed to the gaol of the county, and may be sold therefrom by the sheriff of the county, after ten days notice of such sale, for a term sufficient to pay the fines herein imposed, with the costs.

Penalty on free negroes emigrating to, and settling in, this state

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person in this state shall hereafter hire, employ or harbour, any free negro or mulatto who shall emigrate to, or settle in, this state, after the passage of this act, under the penalty of five dollars for every day any such free negro or mulatto may be so employed, hired or harboured; and all fines incurred under this act may be recovered in any of the county courts, by action of debt, bill of indictment, or information, with costs, and shall be collected as other fines and forfeitures now are, and applied to the use of the county.

Penalty on persons hiring or employing them.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any free negro or mulatto that may be engaged in navigating any ship or vessel, or any wagoner or messenger, while in the actual employment of any person not living in this state.

Not to extend to sailors, &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the presiding judge in each court, to give this act in charge to the grand jury, on the first day of the meeting of every county court.

Act to be given in charge to grand juries.

CHAP. LVII.

An Act to compel the Vestry of Shrewsbury Parish, in Kent County, to fulfil the contracts and engagements of the former Vestry. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 253.

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WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, had entered into certain contracts and engagements which were not fully discharged and complied with before the passage of the act of assembly at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled, An act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state: And whereas no provision is made in the said act, by which the vestries created under the same are rendered liable in their corporate capacity for the contracts and engagements of the vestries existing before the passage of the aforesaid act; and it appearing reasonable to this general assembly that all such contracts and engagements should be fulfilled and complied with, therefore,

Preamble

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2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, be, and they are hereby declared to be, answerable, in their corporate capacity, for

Vestry made answerable for certain contracts.