

owner is put at complete defiance, and the value of their service completely lost, for remedy whereof. CHAP. 224.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That upon the apprehension of any such negro or mulatto servant, it shall be lawful for the County Courts of this State, to adjudge and extend the term of service to a longer term so as fully to indemnify the master or mistress for all expenses and loss occasioned by the absconding of such servants. Case of absconding &c  
Extend time of service

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That upon the application of any master or mistress or other person, legally authorised by such master or mistress, to the county courts of the county where such master or mistress or their agent may reside, upon the apprehension of such absconding servant, it shall be lawful for such court at its session, to grant an order for the sale of all the right of the master or mistress, in and to said negro or mulatto servant to any person or persons within or without this state; *Provided*, said court shall be of opinion that such absconding of such slave was not occasioned by improper conduct on the part of his owner, or owners agent. On application  
May order sale of time  
Provide

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said order shall express the term of service of said negro or mulatto servant, and it shall be lawful for the purchaser or purchasers to remove said negro or mulatto servant out of this state, and hold the same to service for and during the term set forth in said order and no longer. Term expressed  
Retain no longer

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That upon the passage of any order by the court for the sale of any negro or servant as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county where such order may pass, to furnish said negro with a copy of the deed of manumission where he may be entitled to his freedom by manumission, under seal of office, and in case said negro or mulatto may be entitled to freedom by will, then and in that case upon application to the Register of Wills where the will shall be recorded, from which said negro derives his freedom, and it shall be the duty of said clerk to make application, and the duty of said Register to make out for said clerk, under seal of office, so much of said will as may be necessary to shew when and on what terms said negro is entitled to his freedom, together with the order of the court directing the sale, under seal of office, the expense of which shall be paid out of the purchase money. Copy of manumission, &c., to be furnished

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all laws contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repeal