

CHAP. 323.

Committed and  
held for time.

sale, for such time as may be necessary to cover the afore-  
said penalty, first giving ten days previous notice of such  
sale: and the said sheriff after deducting prison charges and  
a commission of ten per centum, shall pay over one half of  
the nett proceeds to the informer, and the balance he shall  
pay over to the levy court or commissioners, as the case  
may be, for the use of the county.

Disposition of  
proceeds.

Hiring or employ-  
ing any forbid.

Penalty of \$20 for  
every day.

Appeal provided.

Negroes removing  
and remaining out  
of the state 30  
days regarded as  
aliens.

Exceptions.

Those engaged in  
navigation—wago-  
ners and travelling  
servants &c excep-  
ted.

Prohibition against  
bringing slaves  
into this state.

Sect. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no person in this state,  
shall hereafter hire, employ or harbor any free negro or mu-  
latto who shall immigrate or settle in this state, after the first  
day of June next, or any free negro or mulatto who shall  
come into this state, from any other state, district or terri-  
tory, and continue in this state for the space of ten succes-  
sive days as above, under the penalty of twenty dollars for  
every day after the expiration of four days, any such free  
negro or mulatto so immigrating and settling in this state, or  
so coming into, and so staying in this state shall be so em-  
ployed, hired or harbored, and all fines accrued under this  
act, may, before any justice of the peace of the county in  
which the offence is committed, be recovered by action of  
debt, each party to have the benefit of appeal to the county  
court, and one half thereof to be applied to the informer,  
and the other half to the use of the county; and if any negro  
or mulatto shall remove from this state, and remain without  
the limits thereof for a space longer than thirty consecutive  
days, unless before leaving the state he deposits with the  
clerk of the county in which he resides, a written statement  
of his object in doing so, and his intention of returning again,  
or unless he shall have been detained by sickness or coer-  
cion, of which he shall bring a certificate, he shall be re-  
garded as a resident of another state, and be subject, if he  
return, to the penalties imposed by the foregoing provisions  
upon free negroes and mulattoes of another state, migrating  
to this: *Provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall pre-  
vent any free negro or mulatto from visiting Liberia and re-  
turning to the state whenever he may choose to do so.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in the two pre-  
ceding sections hereof, shall be construed to extend to any  
free negro or mulatto that may be engaged in navigating any  
ship, vessel or boat under a white commander, or any wago-  
ner or hired servant travelling with his master or employer,  
or such as may law fully come into this state, and be detain-  
ed by sickness or other casualty.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful from  
and after the first day of June next, to import or bring into  
this State, by land or water, any negro, mulatto, or other  
slave, for sale, or to reside within this State; *Provided*, That