

or for obtaining any property by false pretences, to allege that the defendant did the act with intent to defraud, without alleging the intent of the defendant to be to defraud any particular person, and on the trial of any of the offences in this section mentioned it shall not be necessary to prove an intent on the part of the defendant to defraud any particular person, but it shall be sufficient to prove that the defendant did the act charged with an intent to defraud. In any indictment for forging, altering, putting off, passing, stealing, embezzling, destroying, or for obtaining by false pretences any instrument it shall be sufficient to describe such instrument by any name or designation by which the same may be usually known or by the purport thereof, without setting out a copy or *fac simile* thereof, or otherwise describing the same. In all other cases, whenever it shall be necessary to make any averment in any indictment as to any instrument, whether the same consists wholly or in part of writing, print, or figures, it shall be sufficient to describe such instrument by any name or designation by which the same may be usually known or by the purport thereof, without setting out any copy or *fac simile* of the whole or any part thereof; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall apply to offences committed before the passage of this act.

RUNAWAYS.

The Act of 1862, ch. 224, repeals sections 174, 175.

SENTENCE OF NEGROES.

The Act of 1862, ch. 106, amends and re-enacts sections 194, 195, 196, 198, as follows:

6. When any negro, whether free or slave, is convicted of any offence, the punishment for which, if he were a white man, would be confinement in the penitentiary, such negro shall be sentenced to be sold either in or out of the State, for such term as the court may deem right, or to be confined in the penitentiary, for such term as a white man would be confined for the same offence, or to receive any number of lashes not exceeding forty, in the discretion of the court; and in any case which has heretofore occurred, wherein sentence has been passed for the sale of any negro so convicted out of the State, it shall and may be lawful