

FREE COLORED POPULATION—

bind them as other free negroes, and allow the mother of such issue to select person to whom issue may be bound,	232	7
If free negroes hired or bound under provisions of this act, prove unfaithful, by absconding, &c., upon complaint and proof, said commissioners may sell such free negro as a slave for life, to the highest bidder, at public sale,	“	8
Duty of said commissioners in regard to aged free negroes,	“	9
To collect the amounts stipulated in such bonds, by suit or otherwise, and report the same annually to the county commissioners, together with a statement of expenses attending the operation of this act, and the amount necessary to support those incapable of being hired or bound, and county commissioners, after deducting same from gross amount of hire-bonds, shall direct the balance to be paid to the hired free negroes in proportion to the amount stipulated in each bond, which payment shall be in the presence of a justice of the peace, who shall certify the same, and certificate be filed in clerk's office, and funds to be distributed among free negroes in such manner as said board shall deem best, &c.,	“	10
Board to make annual reports of free negroes brought before them, their ages, names and sex—if minors, the names of the parents; which report shall be recorded in clerk's office,	“	11
Relative to fees of constables and auctioneers,	“	12
State's attorneys' fees,	“	13
Clerk's fees,	“	14