

two per centum, and to be by him accounted for and paid over in the same manner and for the same purpose and under the like liability in every respect as is provided and directed by the said second section of the said act of eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred and thirty-five. CHAP. 272.

CHAPTER 272.

*An act entitled, a further supplement to an act, passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three.* Passed March 7, 1842.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any free negro or mulatto shall knowingly call for, demand or receive any abolition handbill, pamphlet, newspaper, pictorial representation or other paper of an inflammatory character, having a tendency to create discontent amongst or stir up to insurrection the people of color in this State, at or from any post office situated within this State, or shall knowingly receive or have in his or her possession any such handbill, pamphlet, newspaper, pictorial representation or other paper, he or she shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of this State for a period of not less than ten nor more than twenty years from the time of sentence pronounced on such offender. Subject to confinement in the penitentiary.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of every inhabitant of this State, who shall know that any such pamphlet, newspaper, handbill, pictorial representation or other paper is or shall have been in possession of any free negro or mulatto, to give immediate notice of the same to some justice of the peace of this State, for the city, county or district as the case may be; and if any inhabitant of this State shall fail so to do, he shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the jail of the county, district or city as the case may be, for not less than sixty days, at the discretion of the court before whom the trial shall be had. Inhabitants to give immediate notice.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the several county courts and of the city court of Baltimore, in open court, to give this act in charge to the grand juries at every session of the said courts respectively; and it shall Courts to give it in charge to grand juries.