

peal at the next term of the said court, which shall be held after the record of the proceedings in said cause shall have been sent up, and the court is authorized to act upon the said cause as presented by the entire record, as if the record had been so sent up entire, on the appeal from the order of the chancellor, passed on the twenty-eighth day of February eighteen hundred and twenty five, so as to do substantial justice in the premises according to the law of the land. CHAP. 281.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the said Penn shall not give an appeal bond as usual, then that the said appeal shall not operate as a supersedeas, but shall be in all other respects valid and effectual. Penn to give appeal bond.

CHAPTER 281.

An act to prohibit the formation and assemblage of Secret Societies of Negroes. Passed March 9, 1843.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any negro or mulatto in this state to become or continue to be a member of any secret society whatever, whether such society shall hold its meetings in or without the limits of this state; and every free negro or mulatto offending against the provisions of this section, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon indictment and conviction in any county court in this state or in the city court of Baltimore as the case may be, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars, and if not paid, be sold for such term as the court may adjudge sufficient to realize said fine, one half to the informer and the other half to the state; and for the second offence, be sold as a slave for life beyond the limits of this state, and the proceeds of such sale after paying one half to the informer shall be paid into the treasury of the state, and every slave so offending shall upon conviction be sold out of the limits of the state, or be punished by the infliction of thirty-nine lashes upon his or her or their bare backs at the discretion of the court. Negroes and mulattoes prohibited from belonging to secret societies.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall form or attempt to form any such society or association of negroes, or joint society or association of negroes and white persons, or shall induce or attempt to induce any negro or mulatto to join or enter into or be connected with such society or association, he, she or they, if white, Penalty for forming such society.