

CHAPTER 37.

CHAP. 38.

A further supplement to the act, entitled an act concerning Crimes and Punishments, passed at November session eighteen hundred and nine, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight. Passed Mar. 7, 1840.

WHEREAS, the provisions of the original act and the several supplements thereto in relation to crimes and punishments in this State, conflict with each other as to the extent of confinement in the penitentiary, in certain cases; therefore, with a view to reconcile the same, Preamble

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several county courts of this State and the city court of Baltimore, in sentencing convicts to the penitentiary in compliance with the provisions of the act of December session eighteen hundred and thirty-six, chapter one hundred and fifty-seven, may in their discretion, sentence them to be confined in the said penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. To sentence not less than 18 months

CHAPTER 38.

An additional supplement to the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, entitled an act relating to Free Negroes and Slaves. Passed Mar. 18, 1840.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That after the passage of this act, no free negro or mulatto, belonging to or residing in any other State, shall come into this State, whether such free negro or mulatto intends settling in this State or not, under the penalty of twenty dollars for the first offence; and no free negro or mulatto shall come into this State a second time where he or she has been arrested under the provisions of this act, under the penalty of five hundred dollars; the one half of the said sum of five hundred dollars to the informer, and the other half to the sheriff for the use of the colonization society of the State of Maryland, to be recovered on complaint and conviction before the county court of the county, or during the recess, the Orphans' court of said county in which he or she shall be arrested; and any free negro or mulatto refusing or neglecting to pay said fine, shall be committed to the jail of the county, and No negro permitted to come into this State under penalty Recoverable In case of refusal to pay