

- CHAP. 38. SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the purchaser of any free negro or mulatto, by virtue of the provisions of the third and fourth sections of this act, shall pay to the said negro or mulatto at the end of the term for which he or she shall be sold, the amount of money bid for said negro or mulatto at the sale thereof, after deducting the necessary costs and charges, the sum of ten per centum as commissions to the officer, the sum of five dollars to the informer, if there shall be one, and the sum of one dollar to each of the justices, as a fee for their services; *provided*, that the purchase money aforesaid, after deducting costs, charges and allowances as aforesaid, which shall be paid in cash at the time of sale, shall be secured by bond, with security to the sheriff, for the use of said negro or mulatto at the end of the term aforesaid; which bond shall be then assigned to said negro or mulatto, and may be recovered as small debts now are recoverable by law.
- Amount of bid to be paid negro, &c.
Deduction to be made
Proviso.
- SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That, if any free negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, sold by virtue of the provisions of the said third and fourth sections of this act, shall be the father or mother of any child or children below the age of twenty-one years, if male; or eighteen years, if female, then the justices of the said magistrates' courts or orphans' court, as the case may be, shall have the infant child or children brought before them, and bound out as apprentices to good masters, to serve until the age of twenty-one years, if male, and until the age of eighteen, if female, in like manner as orphan children are now bound out; and all indentures made by the justices of the magistrates' courts shall be by them returned to the orphans' court of the county in which said magistrates' court is situated, and shall be subject to all the provisions of law regulating indentures of apprentices in this State; *provided*, that the interest in said apprentices shall in all respects be considered personal property, and shall be liable to be transferred to any person within this State, but said apprentices shall in no case be removed out of this State.
- Children of negroes so sold, to be bound out
Indenture to be returned, &c.
Proviso.
- SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, Provided this act shall not be construed to interfere with the provisions of the several acts of Assembly in favor of free people of color visiting Liberia, Trinidad, British Guiana or other colonies.
- This act not to interfere, &c.
- SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.
- Repealed.