

CHAPTER 94.

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*An act entitled a supplement to an act relating to free Negroes and Slaves, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.* Passed Feb. 18, 1846.

**Preamble.**  
**WHEREAS**, by the seventh section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, it is made lawful for any free negro or negroes, slave or slaves, to assemble or attend any meetings for religious purposes, upon condition that the said meetings be conducted by a white licensed or ordained preacher, or by some respectable white person or persons of the neighborhood, as may be duly authorised by such licensed or ordained preacher, during the continuance of such meeting; *and whereas*, the said seventh section of the act aforesaid, is construed to authorise the meetings of colored persons in this State, usually denominated camp-meetings; *and whereas*, such meetings are believed to be nuisances to the respective neighborhoods in which they may be held, therefore,

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said seventh section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, or so much thereof as is construed to authorise the holding of negro camp meetings, as well as all other out-door protracted negro meetings, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that all such meetings shall hereafter be considered as unlawful and tumultuous meetings, under the penalties and provisions in the said section contained for the suppression thereof. **Repealed.**

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted*, That all meetings of negroes for religious purposes, except such as may and shall be held at regular and appointed houses of worship, and under the regulations and provisions in the said seventh section contained, are hereby declared to be unlawful and tumultuous meetings, to be dispersed as provided for in the said seventh section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one. **Unlawful.**

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be taken or construed to prevent either free negroes or slaves from attending any regular camp meeting which may be held by the white portion of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Maryland, or any other religious sect. **Not to prevent free negroes or slaves from attending under white portion of the church.**