

violating the provisions of this act, are hereby declared CHAP. 165.  
to be competent witnesses.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no citizen or Not to apply to  
citizens, included in the preceding section, shall know such as have  
ingly hold as property in this State any slave for been convicted  
life, or for a term of years, who shall have been con- where  
victed of any crime in any other State, District or Ter-  
ritory in the United States, for which exportation from  
such State, District or Territory shall have been the  
punishment, and any person or persons offending shall  
forfeit for every such offence any slave for life, or for a  
term of years, brought into this State contrary to this  
act; and the said slave for life, or for a term of years,  
shall be seized and taken, and confined in jail by the  
Sheriff of the county, city or district where the offence  
is committed, which Sheriff shall receive Ten Dollars  
for every slave for life, or for a term of years, so brought  
into this State and forfeited as aforesaid, and seized and  
taken by him, to be recovered in an action of debt in  
his own name before any justice of the peace, as small  
debts are recovered, from the person or persons so  
offending; moreover the said Sheriff shall receive five  
dollars for such slave for life, or for a term of years, ac-  
tually confined by him in jail, and the usual prison fees  
now allowed by law, and any person or persons so of-  
fending under this act shall be punished by indictment  
in the court of the county, city or district where the of-  
fence shall be committed, and upon conviction thereof  
the said court shall by its order direct said Sheriff after  
ten days public notice given by public advertisement to  
be set up at the court-house door of the county, city or  
district in which said Sheriff resides, to sell any such  
slave for life, or for a term of years, to some person or  
persons with a condition that any such slave for life, or  
for a term of years, shall be removed beyond the limits  
of this State to settle and reside; and the said Sheriff shall  
report any sale or sales made by him to the county court  
of the county, city or district in which he resides, and af-  
ter deducting five dollars and prison fees, for each and  
every slave for life, or for a term of years, sold as afore-  
said, which shall be settled by an account current to be  
settled in said court, said Sheriff shall pay over the balance  
on said sales to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any person bringing Penalty for  
into this State any negro, mulatto slave or slaves for life violation  
or for a term of years, from any State, District or Terri-  
tory of the United States, for the purpose of sale be-  
yond the limits of the State of Maryland, and who shall  
sell the said slave or slaves to be transported beyond the  
limits of the State of Maryland, shall, upon conviction