

## CHAPTER 252.

Passed Mar. 10, 1856. AN ACT to extend the provisions of an act passed at the January session eighteen hundred and fifty-four, chapter two hundred and seventy-three, entitled, "An Act to provide a remedy against free negroes who may hire for a stipulated period to any person, and quit the service of such person after entering on the same; and to provide a remedy against persons who may employ such free negroes, with the knowledge that they had previously hired to another or engaged in another's service."

Provisions of second section of act to apply.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the provisions of the second section of the said act of Assembly shall extend and be applicable to all cases of the verbal hiring by free negroes and the receipt by them of a portion of their wages in advance, and proof of the said hiring and receipt of money by the oath of the employer and the evidence of some other person shall constitute a prima facie case of hiring, and that in all such cases the provisions of the said act of Assembly shall be as applicable in all other respects, as if the present case had been included in the said original act.

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