

Whenever any Person shall by bargain <sup>and</sup> Sale or Gift either with or without Deed or by his Last Will and Testament in Writing or by any Noncupative Will bargain Sell give Dispose or bequeath any Slave or Slaves Such bargain Sale Gift or bequeath shall Transfer the absolute Property of such Slave or Slaves to such person or persons to whom the same shall be so sold given or bequeathed in the same Manner as if the such Slave or Slaves were Chattels and no Remainder of any Slave or Slaves shall or may be limited by any Deed or the Last Will and Testament in Writing of any person whatsoever otherwise than the Remainder of Chattels personal by the Rules of the Common Law can or may be limited Except in the Manner herein after mentioned and Directed, AND that where any Slave or Slaves have been or shall be conveyed given or bequeathed or have or shall descend to any female covert the absolute Right Property & Interest of such Slave or Slaves is hereby vested and shall Accrue to and be Vested in the Husband of such female covert — and that where any female Solo is or shall be possessed of any Slave or Slaves as if her own proper Slave or Slaves the same shall Accrue to and be absolutely Vested in the Husband of such female when she shall marry and that any Infant above the age of Eighteen years by his or her Last Will and Testament in Writing may Dispose bequeath the absolute Right Property and Interest of any Slave or Slaves whereof he or she shall be possessed and that no Slave or Slaves whatsoever shall be forfeited Except in such Cases — where the Lands and Tenements of the person incurring the forfeiture should or might be forfeited and that no Executor or Adm<sup>r</sup> hath or shall have any power to Sell or Dispose of any Slave or Slaves of his Testator or Intestate Except for the paying and Satisfying the Just Debts of such Testator or Intestate and then only where there is not sufficient of the personal Estate of such Testator or Intestate to Satisfy and pay such Debts and in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the Executor or Adm<sup>r</sup> to Sell and Dispose of such Slave or Slaves as shall be sufficient to raise so much money as the personal Estate falls short of the payment of the Debts and that when a Mother shall Die Intestate Leaving one or more Slaves or Slaves other than the Slave or Slaves which she holds as of her Dower the Heir at Law shall be Accountable to the Youngest Children for their Proportions of the Value of such Slaves or Slaves in the same Manner as he should or might be Accountable in Case of a fathers Dying and Leaving such Slaves —

Provided always that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to change or alter the Property of any Slave or Slaves which by the Judgment of the General Court or any County Court have been heretofore adjudged to belong to any person or persons whatsoever but such Judgment shall Remain and for ever hereafter shall be Deemed and taken to be Valid and binding —

Provided also that where any Person hath heretofore by Deed Executed in his Lifetime or by his Last Will and Testament in Writing Disposed of any Slave or Slaves for the Life or Lives of any person or persons whatsoever and hath thereupon Limited any Remainder such Remainder shall be good and Effectual in Law to Transfer