

the lights of the past and the pressing exigencies of the present.

We herewith report the accompanying bill, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

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A bill entitled, "An Act to amend sections forty-four, forty-five, forty-six and fifty one of article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, in relation to immigration of Free Negroes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections forty-four, forty-five, forty-six and fifty-one of article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, in relation to immigration of Free Negroes, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

44. No free negro, belonging to or residing in any other State, District, or Territory, shall come into this State, whether such free negro intends settling in this State or not, under the penalty of twenty dollars for the first offence; and no free negro shall come into this State, a second time, when he has been arrested and convicted under the provisions of this section, under the penalty of two hundred dollars, the one-fourth of said two hundred dollars to the informer, and the other three-fourths to the Sheriff, for the use of the School Fund, to be recovered on complaint and conviction, before the Circuit Court of the county, or Criminal Court of Baltimore, if he be arrested in the city of Baltimore, or during the recess, before the Orphan's Court of said county or city.

45. Any free negro refusing or neglecting to pay said fine, shall be committed to the Jail of the county or city, and shall be sold by the Sheriff, at public sale, on ten days notice to the highest bidder for cash, for a term not exceeding twelve months for the first offence, and for a term not exceeding two years for the second offence.