

of 5l. current money for every neglect; to be recovered with costs, in the county court, and applied to the county charge.---*ibid.* § 11.

40. No property in any slave, whereof the donor shall retain the use and possession, shall be transferred to any donee, unless the gift be under hand and seal acknowledged before a provincial justice, or one justice of the county wherein the donee resides, and recorded in the county records within 20 days after execution of the deed. But this act shall not make void any parol gift, where there shall be an express delivery of such slave in pursuance thereof, and where the sole use and possession of such slave shall be transferred to the donee, nor any bequest of a slave by will.---1763, c. 13.

41. All legal fees which have arisen, and are not already paid and allowed, or which shall hereafter arise on the prosecution of any negro, or other slave, in any county court, whether convicted or acquitted, shall be chargeable to, and paid by the respective county where such prosecution shall be had, and assessed in the county levy of such county.---May, 1766, c. 6.

42. It shall not be lawful, to import or bring into this state, by land or water, any negro, mulatto or other slave, for sale, or to reside within this state; and any person brought into this state as a slave contrary to this act, if a slave before, shall thereupon cease to be the property of the person or persons so importing, &c. and shall be free.---1796, c. 67, § 1.

43. But it shall be lawful for any citizen or citizens of the United States, who shall come into this state with a *bona fide* intention of settling therein, to import or bring into this state, at the time of his or her removal into this state, or within 1 year thereafter, any slave or slaves the property of such citizen at the time of his or her said removal, which slave or slaves, or the mother or mothers of which slave, &c. shall have been resident of the United States, or some or one of them three whole years next preceding such removal, and the same to retain as slaves.---*ibid.* § 2.

44. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable any person or persons, so removing, to sell or dispose of any slave or slaves imported by virtue of this act, or their increase, unless such person, &c. shall have resided within this state 3 whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by will, and dispositions by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.---*ibid.* § 3.

45. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed or taken to affect the right of any person or persons travelling or sojourning with any slave or slaves within this state, such slave or slaves not being sold or otherwise disposed of in this state, but carried by the owner out of this state, or attempted to be carried.---*ibid.* § 4.