

right, or the right of his wife, in land lying in this state, and the owner of any slave or slaves, residents of any adjoining state before the 21st day of April 1783, or of the descendant or descendants of any slave, being resident as aforesaid, to remove and bring any such slave or slaves into this state, for the purpose of employing or working such slave or slaves on the land of such owner within this state, for the use and benefit of the owners, his or her legal representatives, and not for sale; but a list of such slave or slaves shall be delivered, in writing, containing the names, sexes and ages, of said negroes, and signed by the owner, his overseer or agent, to the clerk of the county in which such slave or slaves shall be first brought to reside, within 3 months thereafter, and the said list shall contain a certificate as aforesaid, to be recorded at the expence of the owner of such slave or slaves, so removed into this state.—*ibid.* § 9.

51. The power of removing slaves, as above allowed, may be exercised as often as the owner or owners of such slaves shall think proper, on complying with the directions of this act.—*ibid.* § 10.

52. If any citizen of this state hath, or shall acquire property in any slave or slaves, being residents of any of the United States before the 21st day of April 1783, or in the descendant or descendants of such slaves, being residents as aforesaid, by marriage, bequest, in course of distribution, or as guardian, such citizen may remove and bring such slave or slaves into this state for the purpose only of employing or working such slave or slaves within this state, and not for sale; but a list shall be rendered as hereinbefore directed by a citizen of this state, on his bringing slaves into this state, as hereinbefore allowed; and the owners of such slaves may sell them after such slaves have been residents for 3 years within this state.—*ibid.* § 11.

53. All that part of the act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will and testament, which is contained within the 3 § thereof, is repealed.—*ibid.* § 12.

54. It shall be lawful for any person or persons, capable in law to make a valid will, to grant freedom to, and effect the manumission of, any slave or slaves belonging to such person or persons, by his, her or their last will, and such manumission may be made to take effect at the death of the testator, or at such other periods as may be limited in such will, but no manumission hereafter to be made by will shall be effectual to give freedom to any slave or slaves, if the same shall be in prejudice of creditors, nor unless the said slave or slaves shall be under the age of 45 years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood, at the time the freedom given shall commence.—*ibid.* § 13.

55. All those parts of an act, entitled, An act relative to servants and slaves, and of another act, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled