

by a jury, or upon confession or otherwise, to fine such free negro or mulatto a sum not exceeding 300 dollars, in the discretion of the court, one half to the master or owner of such absconding slave, the other to the county school, in case there be any, if no such school, to the use of the county; and in case the said fine shall not be paid, or secured to be paid, within 30 days, then the said court may adjudge such free negro to be sold, at public vendue, for such a term as the said court may deem just and proper, not exceeding 7 years, and the money arising from such sale shall be paid to the person or persons whose slave shall have absconded by means of such certificate.—*ibid.* § 18.

60. Any person or persons who shall hereafter be convicted of giving a pass to any slave, or person held to service, or shall be found to assist, by advice, donation or loan, or otherwise, the transporting of any slave, or any person held to service, from this state, or by any other unlawful means depriving a master or owner of the service of his slave, or person held to service, for every such offence the party aggrieved shall recover damages in an action on the case against such offender or offenders, and such offender or offenders also shall be liable, upon indictment and conviction upon verdict, confession or otherwise, in this state, in any county court where such offence shall happen, to be fined a sum not exceeding 200 dollars, at the discretion of the court, one half to the master or owner of such slave, the other half to the county school, if any, if not, to the county.—*ibid.* § 19.

61. Any slave selling liquor, or keeping entertainment at any muster ground, horse race, or other public place whatever, without the orders or permission of his or her owner in writing, shall be liable to be apprehended and punished, in the discretion of any justice of the peace, not exceeding 20 stripes; upon the information, on oath or affirmation, of any credible person, to any judge, associate justice, or justice of the peace of any county of this state, that any free negro, mulatto or other person, is found living idle, without any visible means of maintainance, or going at large through such county, and without any visible means of subsistence, such judge or justice is authorised and required to issue his warrant to any constable of his county, directing him to apprehend such person or persons, and bring him, her or them, before some judge or justice of such county; and upon the return of any such warrant, such judge or justice, before whom the same shall be returned, shall inquire, by all lawful means, whether such free negro, mulatto or other person, is an offender under this act, and if it shall be made appear, to the satisfaction of such judge or justice, that such person is such an offender, then such judge or justice is directed forthwith to order such free negro, mulatto or other person, to give security for his good behaviour, in a penalty not exceeding 30 dollars, or on default of such security to order such free negro, mulatto or other person to depart the state within 5 days; and such free negro, &c. refusing to comply with this act, or