

XIV. AND, whereas it is contrary to the dictates of humanity, and the principles of the christian religion, to inflict personal penalties on children for the offence of their parents, BE IT ENACTED, That 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, An act relating to servants and slaves, which impose servitude to the age of thirty-one years on the issue of certain inordinate copulations, mentioned in the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of the said first mentioned act, and in the second and third sections of the said last mentioned act, shall be and they are hereby repealed; provided always, that nothing in this act shall affect the right of any person or persons whatsoever to the servitude of any such issue heretofore acquired under the repealed parts of the act aforesaid.

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Part of former  
acts repealed.  
\* 1715, ch. 44.  
† 1728, ch. 4.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons, shall forcibly or fraudulently transport or carry, or cause to be transported or carried, out of this state, any free negro or mulatto, knowing such negro or mulatto to be free, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of eight hundred dollars for every negro or mulatto so transported or carried, or caused to be transported or carried, one half to the use of the county in which the recovery may be had, and the other to the informer, to be recovered by action of debt, or bill of indictment; and if the said sum be not paid, or secured to be paid, as herein directed, within thirty days after judgment, then such person or persons shall and may be adjudged by the court to serve on the roads for any period not exceeding five years; and if any person or persons shall transport or carry, or cause to be transported or carried, out of this state, any negro or mulatto entitled to freedom at a certain age, and sell or otherwise dispose of, or cause to be sold or otherwise disposed of, out of this state, such negro or mulatto, as a slave for life, or for a longer time than he has to serve by law, knowing such negro or mulatto to be entitled to freedom at a certain age, every such person or persons shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of eight hundred dollars, one half to the use of the county in which the recovery may be had, and the other to the informer, to be recovered by action of debt, or bill of indictment; and if the said sum be not paid, or secured to be paid, as herein directed, within thirty days after judgment, then such person or persons shall and may be adjudged by the court to serve on the roads for any period not exceeding five years.

Penalty on persons fraudulently exporting free negroes, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall import or bring into this state, any free negro or mulatto, or any person bound to service for a term of years only, and shall sell or otherwise dispose of such free negro, mulatto, or person bound to serve for a term of years only, as a slave for life, or for any longer time than by law such person may be bound to serve, knowing such negro or mulatto to be free, or entitled to freedom at a certain age, every such person or persons shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of eight hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt or indictment, one half to the use of the county, the other half to the informer; and in case the said sum shall not be paid, or secured to be paid, within thirty days, then such person or persons shall and may be adjudged to work on the roads for any term not exceeding five years.

Or importing them into this state, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any master, mistress, owner or owners, of any slave or slaves, shall suffer any such slave or slaves to depart from their respective habitation or quarter, and remain at large, begging or becoming burthenfome to the respective neighbourhoods, or to other persons, it shall be lawful for the county courts where the master, mistress, owner or owners, of such slave or slaves, shall reside, and they are hereby required, upon the complaint or information of any credible person, (such complaint or information being supported by oath or affirmation, as the case may require,) to cause such complaint or information to be minuted among their proceedings, and thereupon to issue their warrant to the sheriff of their county against such master, mistress, owner or owners, of such slave or slaves, thereby to cause such master, mistress, owner or owners, to appear before them at some day to be limited in such warrant; and if, on a due examination in a summary way, the said court shall be satisfied that such master, mistress, owner or owners, of such slave or slaves, have suffered such slave or slaves to depart and wander, or remain at large, contrary to the provisions and intention of this act, the said court are hereby empowered and required, to cause such master, mistress, owner or owners, of such slave or slaves, to enter into recognizance, with one sufficient security, if the same shall be awarded, in the penalty of one hundred dollars, to be taken to and in the name of this state, and the condition of the said recognizance shall be such, that if such master, mistress, owner or owners, of such slave or slaves, his, her or their executors or administrators, shall suffer such slave or slaves to depart and remain at large, contrary to the provisions of the act in such cases made and provided, then such recognizance shall remain in force and

Masters, &c. not to suffer slaves to depart, &c.

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