

fifty-seven, may in their discretion sentence them to be confined in the said penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN additional SUPPLEMENT to the Act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, entitled, an Act relating to Free Negroes and Slaves.—1839, ch. 320.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That after the passage of this act, no free negro or mulatto, belonging to or residing in any other state, shall come into this state, whether such free negro or mulatto intends settling in this state or not, under the penalty of twenty dollars for the first offence; and no free negro or mulatto shall come into this state a second time where he or she has been arrested under the provisions of this act, under the penalty of five hundred dollars, the one-half of the said sum of five hundred dollars to the informer, and the other half to the sheriff, for the use of the colonization society of the state of Maryland, to be recovered on complaint and conviction before the county court of the county, or during the recess, the orphans court of said county in which he or she shall be arrested; and any free negro or mulatto refusing or neglecting to pay said fine, shall be committed to the jail of the county, and shall be sold by the sheriff at public sale, to the highest bidder, whether a resident of this state or not, first giving ten days notice of such sale, to serve in the character and capacity of a slave; and the said sheriff, after deducting prison charges and a commission of ten per cent. shall pay over one-half of the net proceeds to the informer, and the balance he shall pay over, if sold in a county on the eastern shore, to the treasurer of said shore, or if sold in a county on the western shore, to the treasurer of the western shore, for the use of the colonization society of the state of Maryland; and for all sums of money so received by the said sheriff, his bond shall be answerable on his failure to pay the same over, in an action at law in the name of the state of Maryland, for the use of the parties entitled to receive the same by this act; and all sheriffs and constables are hereby required to arrest any free negro or mulatto, who may come into this state contrary to the provisions of this act, and all other persons are authorized to arrest any such free negro or mulatto; and such sheriff, constable, or any other person as may arrest any free negro or mulatto, who shall have come once into the state contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to the penalty of twenty dollars hereby inflicted, to be recovered on complaint and conviction as before stated, and such free negro or mulatto shall pay the said penalty of twenty dollars, and all jail fees and expenses incident to his or her

No negro permitted to come into the state.

Penalty for first offence. Second offence.

Or to be sold as a slave.