

CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to repeal all such parts of the Laws of this State as authorize the Courts of Law to sentence Negro or Mulatto Slaves, or Free Negroes or Mulattoes, to undergo a confinement in the Penitentiary. See notes to 1809, ch. 133, ante page 572.

Negro or mulatto slaves not to be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this law, it shall not be lawful for the courts of law within this state, to sentence any negro or mulatto slave, convicted of any crime perpetrated after the passage of this act, to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of this state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

May be whipped or banished the state for certain offences.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any negro or mulatto slave shall be duly convicted of any crime perpetrated after the passage of this act, which may not, in the discretion of the court, under the laws of this state, be punished by hanging by the neck, such negro or mulatto slave may, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to receive on his or her bare back, any number of lashes not exceeding forty, or the court may sentence such negro or mulatto slave to be banished from this state, by transportation and sale into some foreign country, or some one of the United States, or territories thereof, other than the District of Columbia, for the benefit of the state or county, as the case may be, such negro or mulatto slave to be valued and paid for, as is now or shall hereafter be directed by law.

CHAPTER 201.

* 1796, ch. 67. A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an Act relating to Negroes, and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

See note to 10th section of 1796, ch. 67, ante page 336. This act is merged in 1823, ch. 87; 1833, ch. 87.

CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT for the better regulation of Appeals from the several Orphans Courts in this State.

In all decrees, &c. hereafter made in orphan's court, party aggrieved may appeal.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all decrees, orders, decisions and judgments, hereafter to be made by any orphans court of this state, the party or parties who shall deem him, her or themselves, aggrieved by such decree, order, decision or judgment, may appeal to the court of appeals of this state, provided such appeal be made within thirty days after such decree, order, decision or judgment.

If parties agree that appeal be made to the county court transcript of proceedings

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if upon an appeal being entered, the parties shall mutually agree and enter their assent in writing, to be filed by the register of the orphans court, that the appeal shall be made to the county court, the orphans court