

a license to any person to retail spirituous liquors, strong beer or cider, in Kent county, unless the person applying for such license shall, at the time of his or her application, exhibit to the said court or judge the consent and approbation in writing of fifty of the free white male inhabitants of the said county, above the age of twenty-one years, who shall be residents in the election district of said county in which such applicant proposes to retail, and twenty of whom shall reside within eight miles of the said place, which consent shall express the name of the person to be licensed, and the place at which the applicant proposes to retail. CHAP. 170.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person selling any of the liquors above mentioned in Kent county, under the quantity of ten gallons at any one time, shall be deemed a retailer, and no retailer shall retail less than a pint of the liquors above mentioned at any one time. Persons selling less than ten gallons at one time deemed a retailer

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed or taken, to prohibit the maker, distiller, or brewer of any spirituous liquors, beer or cider, in Kent county, from retailing the same, such person not selling less than one quart at any one time. Distillers, &c. not prohibited from retailing, &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first day of June next, it shall not be lawful for any person to sell any of the liquors above mentioned, nor to sell, buy or barter, any wheat, corn, rye, oats, bacon, or any goods, wares or merchandise, or personal property whatever, in Kent county, to, of, with or from, any negro or mulatto slave, or servant, or any free negro or free mulatto, between sun-set and sun-rise of the succeeding morning; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person from selling, buying or bartering, any article or thing whatever in the said county, to, of, with or from, any servant or slave, who shall have a written order or license for that purpose from his or her master, mistress, overseer, or other person in whose employment such servant or slave may actually be with the consent of his or her owner or owners. Not lawful to sell liquors to, or buy from negroes after sun set

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall prohibit any person from selling, buying or bartering, any article or thing whatever, in the said county, to, of, with or from, any free negro, or free mulatto, who shall at the time have obtained a certificate of his or her good character, and permission to sell, buy or barter, any article whatever in Kent county, after sun-set, from two magistrates of the said county. Proviso.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all certificates given to free negroes, or free mulattoes, by virtue of this act, shall express the day of the month and year, of granting the same, and shall be attested under the hand and seal of the magistrates granting the same. Negroes obtaining certificates of good character not prohibited from selling, &c.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to or prohibit any person from selling, buying or bartering, any article whatever, to, of, with or from, any slave or servant, free negro or free mulatto, in any market-house in the said county now established by law, or which hereafter may be established, in the time in which the same may be open by law for the purpose of selling and buying therein. Certificates to be attested

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the certificates obtained by free negroes or free mulattoes, as aforesaid, shall be by them presented Persons not prohibited from buying or selling in any market house, &c.

Certificates to be recorded, or to be void