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A LAW for the regulation of SLAVES.

**Slaves not to
leave the plan-
tation of their
owners without
a pass.**

NO slave shall go from the tenements of his master or other person with whom he lives without a pass, or some letter or token whereby it shall fully appear that he is proceeding by authority from his master, employer or overseer; if he does, it shall be lawful for any person to apprehend and carry him before a justice of the peace, to be by his order punished by stripes or not, in his discretion:

**Penalty for leav-
ing without a
pass.**

And if any slave shall presume to come and be upon the plantation of any person whatsoever, without licence in writing from his or her owner or overseer, not being sent upon lawful business, it shall be lawful for the owner or overseer of such plantation, to give or order such slave ten lashes on his or her bare back for every such offence.

No negro or mulatto shall keep or carry any gun, powder, shot, club or other weapon whatsoever, offensive or defensive ; but all and every gun, weapon and ammunition found in the possession or custody of any negro or mulatto may be seized by any person, and upon due proof thereof made before any justice of the peace of the county where such seizure shall be, shall by his order be forfeited to the seizer for his own use, and moreover every such offender shall have and receive by order of such justice, any number of lashes not exceeding thirty-nine, on his or her bare back, well laid on, for every such offence.

Slaves interdicted the carrying arms, &c.

And how punished for a violation of this law.

Provided nevertheless, that the commanding officers of legions may grant in their respective counties, permission in writing to any free negro or mulatto, being a house-keeper, to carry arms and ammunition for any time not exceeding twelve months, and revocable at pleasure. And to any slave or slaves the like privilege on application of their owner, shewing sufficient cause in the opinion of the said commanding officer why such indulgence should be granted. And the commanding officers of legions shall make report to the commander in chief, within one month after the date of all licences granted in pursuance of this law.

To carry arms conditionally.

Riots, routs and unlawful assemblies, trespasses and seditious speeches by a slave or slaves, shall be punished

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