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STATE THE SECOND YEAR.**

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SEC. 15. If any slave shall sell, barter or deliver, to any other slave any vinous or spirituous liquors, he shall be punished by stripes not exceeding twentyfive, and shall stand committed until he be discharged in the manner hereinafter directed.

SEC. 16. Every slave charged with the commission of the offence specified in the preceding section, shall be tried and proceeded against in the circuit court by indictment.

SEC. 17. Upon the conviction of any such slave, he shall after the execution of the sentence be committed to jail, unless his master will pay the costs and enter into a recognizance in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, conditioned for the good behavior of such slave for one year, and that during that time he will not violate the provisions of the fifteenth section of this act.

SEC. 18. When a slave shall be committed for the want of such recognizance, he may be discharged by the circuit court or the presiding judge of the county court, on the application of the master or owner, and his entering into recognizance as specified in the preceding section, and paying all the costs and expenses.

SEC. 19. If the master or owner of such slave do not appear and comply with the terms specified in the preceding section, on or before the second day of the circuit court next to be held after the commitment, such slave shall be sold, and the proceeds of such sale applied as specified in the thirteenth section of this act.

SEC. 20. Every slave who shall harbor or conceal any slave, who shall have absented or deserted the service of his master, overseer or employer, shall be punished by stripes not exceeding twentyfive, by the order of any justice of the peace.

SEC. 21. If any slave shall go from the premises or tenements of his master or other person with whom he resides, without a pass, or some letter or token, whereby it may appear that he is proceeding by the authority of his master, employer or overseer, he may be apprehended by any person, and being taken before a justice of the peace, shall by order of such justice, be punished with stripes not exceeding twenty-five.

SEC. 22. If any slave shall come and be upon the plantation of any person without permission in writing from his owner, employer or overseer, not being sent upon lawful business, the owner or occupier of such plantation may cause such slave to be punished with stripes not exceeding twentyfive for every such offence.

SEC. 23. Any gun or other offensive or defensive weapon found

in the possession of a slave, without having the written permission of his master to carry the same, may be seized by any person, and upon proof of such seizure before a justice of the peace of the county where the same shall have been made, such gun or weapon shall be by the order of such justice, adjudged and forfeited to the seizor for his own use, and such slave shall receive by the order of such justice, any number of stripes not exceeding thirty.

SEC. 24. All riots, routs, unlawful assemblies and seditious speeches of slaves shall be punished with stripes by the order of any justice of the peace, and it shall be lawful for any person without further warrant to apprehend slaves so offending, and take them before some justice of the peace.

SEC. 25. If any master or overseer of a family shall knowingly permit or suffer any slave not belonging to him or under his control, to be and remain on his premises more than four hours at any one time, without the consent or permission of the owner, employer, or overseer of such slave, such master or overseer so permitting, shall forfeit and pay to the owner, employer or overseer of such slave, five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, by an action of debt on this statute.

SEC. 26. If any owner or overseer of a plantation shall permit or suffer more than five slaves other than his own to be and remain on his plantation, or in any house attached thereto, at any one time with or without the consent of the master or overseer of such slaves, he shall forfeit and pay to the informer one dollar for every slave above that number, to be recovered by an action of debt, unless such slaves may have met together on Sunday at public worship, or on any other day for the purpose of laboring or on some other lawful occasion.

SEC. 27. If any white person, or free negro or mulatto, shall be found in the company of slaves, at any unlawful meeting, or shall harbor or entertain any slave, or shall be found drinking or gaming with any slave, without the consent of the owner or overseer of such slaves, such white person, free negro, or mulatto shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and shall receive any number of stripes not exceeding thirty.

SEC. 28. Every justice of the peace, upon his own knowledge of any unlawful meeting of slaves, white men, free negroes and mulattoes, or on information thereof, shall forthwith issue his warrant to apprehend such slaves, white men, free negroes or mulattoes, and cause them to be brought before himself or some other justice of the peace, to be dealt with according to law.