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§ 7. The preceding section shall not apply to negroes owned by the same person, seated and located at different plantations, meeting by the consent of their owner or overseer, nor to negroes meeting at any public mill in the day time on the business of their owners, nor on the Sabbath day, nor to meetings on any other lawful occasion by the permission of their owner, nor to negroes attending upon divine service.

Penalty against
a free negro for
harboring slaves

§ 8. If any free person shall be found in company with slaves or negroes, at any unlawful meeting, or shall harbor any slave, without the consent of the owner, he shall forfeit and pay fifteen dollars for each offense. If a slave harbor the slave of another person, he shall, upon conviction by the judgment of a justice of the peace, be punished by stripes, not exceeding twenty.

Riots, &c.,
how punished.

§ 9. Riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, breaches of the peace, and seditious speeches by slaves, shall be punished with a number of stripes not exceeding thirty-nine, upon conviction by the judgment of a justice of the peace.

If a slave shall go from the residence of his owner without a written permit, specifying the place to which such slave is licensed to go, and the time of absence, he may be apprehended, taken before a justice of the peace, and punished by stripes, not exceeding thirty-nine, at the expense of the owner.

Penalty against
a slave or free
negro for as-
saulting a white
person.

§ 10. If any slave shall assault a free white person, by his hand or by any other means, he shall, upon conviction before a justice of the peace, be punished with stripes, not exceeding thirty. If a free negro so assault a free white person, he shall, upon conviction by indictment, be fined, not more than one hundred dollars, and imprisoned not more than three months.

§ 11. If any slave, without leave, in writing, from his owner, shall come upon the premises of a free white person, not being sent on lawful business, the owner of such premises, or the manager of the same, may punish such slave, for each offense, by the infliction of ten stripes.

Penalty for
keeping or car-
rying a gun.

§ 12. If any negro shall keep or carry a gun, or other deadly weapon, powder, or shot, the same may be seized by any free white person; and upon due proof thereof, before a justice of the peace, it shall be forfeited, and vested in the person seizing; and if the negro offending be a slave, he shall, by a judgment of a justice of the peace, be punished by stripes, not exceeding thirty-nine; if a free negro, fined five dollars.

ARTICLE IV.

Of insane, aged, and infirm slaves, and the abuse of them.

§ 1. If the owner of an infirm, insane, or aged slave, or any person having such slave under his control, suffers him to go at large, or fails to make adequate provision for his