

An Act to revive and extend an Act, entitled
“ an Act to prohibit the importation of Slaves
“ from Africa, or other places beyond sea, into
“ this State, for two years; and also to prohib-
“ it the importation or bringing in of Negro
“ Slaves, Mulattoes, Indians, Moors, or
“ Mustezoes, bound for a term of years, from
“ any of the United States, by land or water.

Non importation
of slaves continued
till January, 1797.

BE it enacted by the honorable the senate and house of representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly, and by the authority of the same, That an act, entitled “ an act to prohibit the importation of slaves from Africa, or other places beyond sea, into this state, for two years; and also to prohibit the importation or bringing in of negro slaves, mulattoes, Indians, Moors, or mustezoes, bound for a term of years, from any of the United States, by land or water,” be and the same is hereby extended until the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Slaves and free
Negroes not to
be imported from
without the United
States.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful at any time hereafter, for any slave, or free negro, mulattoe, or mustezoe, or other person of colour, whether bond or free, to be imported or brought into this state, or to land or enter the state, from the Bahamas or West-India islands, or from any part of the continent of America, without the limits of the United States, or from other parts beyond sea: And all and every slave and slaves, which shall be imported, or brought as aforesaid, upon landing or being landed, or conducted within this state, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be forfeited; and the governor is hereby authorized, and required, to transport said slave, and sell him, or her (one half of the proceeds for the benefit of the state, and the other half to the importer :) and moreover, the person or persons, who shall import, or bring in such slave or slaves, upon being convicted thereof, shall forfeit and pay to the state the sum of fifty pounds, for each slave so unlawfully imported, or brought in; and the ship, or vessel, or other vehicle, by which such slaves shall be so unlawfully imported, or brought in, is hereby declared responsible for paying the same, and shall forthwith be taken possession of, for and on behalf of the state, unless the offender or offenders, or some other person or persons, will before some judge or magistrate, enter into bond and good security, to the state, for the payment of such penalty, together with costs and charges, as shall be adjudged to be forfeited, under or by virtue of this act. And if any free negro, mulattoe or mustezoe, or other person of colour, bond or free, from any of the places or parts aforesaid, shall land or enter this state, of their own accord, they, and each of them, shall immediately be apprehended and committed to gaol; and notice of such commitment shall immediately be given to the

the governor of the state, who is hereby required to cause such person, or persons, to be transported to the place from whence they came, or such other place as he may deem most adviseable. And to provide for the maintenance of such persons, during their necessary confinement (should they not have wherewith to support themselves) it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff and gaoler, to compel them to such reasonable labour as may be conveniently provided for them.

In the Senate House, the 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and in the nineteenth year of the independence of the United States of America.

David Ramsfay,
President of the Senate,

Jacob Read,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

An Act to repeal the twelfth clause of an Act, entitled "an Act to alter and amend an Act respecting the High Roads and Bridges," passed the 22d day of March, 1785, so far as the said clause relates to the Bridge constructed over Edisto River, at Jacksonborough, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS sundry persons, residing at and near Edisto river, by their petition to the legislature, have represented, that they are greatly aggrieved by the said act, in as far as that persons passing the said river, at the said bridge, with vessels, boats, and rafts, are thereby required, under a considerable penalty, to drop anchor and drag under the same. Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the honorable the senate and house of representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of September next, the twelfth clause, of the said act, entitled "an act to alter and amend " an act, respecting the high roads and bridges," passed the twenty-second day of March, 1785, as far as it relates to the said bridge, constructed as aforesaid, over Edisto river, at Jacksonborough, be and shall be repealed.

Clause respecting Jacksonborough bridge repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as soon as may be convenient, after the passing of this act, the proprietor of

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