and they are hereby requested, to give to the government of the United States any aid in their power, in devising and carrying into effect a plan which may have for its object the colonizing, in some distant country, the free people of colour who are within the limits of the United States, or within the limits of any of their territories.

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Extracts from the Law of the United States, prohibiting the slave trade.—March 2, 1807.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, it shall not be lawful to import or bring into the United States, or the territories thereof, from any foreign kingdom, place, or country, any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, with intent to hold, sell, or dispose of such negro, mulatto, or person of colour, a slave, or to be held to service or labour.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no citizen or citizens of the United States, or any other person, shall, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, for himself, or themselves, or any other person whatsoever, either as master, factor, or owner, build, fit, equip, load, or otherwise prepare, any ship or vessel, in any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, or shall cause any ship or vessel to sail from any port or place within the same, for the purpose of procuring any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, from any foreign kingdom, place, or country, to be transported to any port or place whatsoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, to be held, sold, or disposed of, as slaves, or to be held to service or labour; and, if any ship or vessel shall be so fitted out for the purpose aforesaid, or shall be caused to sail as aforesaid, every such ship or vessel, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited to the United States, and shall be liable to be seized, prosecuted, and condemned, in any of the circuit courts or district courts, for the district where the said ship or vessel may be found or seized.

Sec. 3. Provided, That the aforesaid forfeit shall not extend to the seller or purchaser of any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, who may be sold or disposed of in virtue of any regulation which may hereafter be made by any of the legislatures of the several states in that respect, in pursuance of this act, and the constitution of the United States.

An act in addition to an act to prohibit the introduction of slaves, passed March 2, 1807.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That from and after the passing of this act it shall not be lawful to import or bring, in any manner whatsoever, into the United States, or territories thereof, from any foreign kingdom, place, or country, any negro, mulatto, or person of colour, with intent to hold, sell, or dispose of, any such negro, mulatto, or person of colour, as a slave, or to be held to service or labour; and any ship, vessel, or other water craft, employed in any importation as aforesaid, shall be liable to seizure, prosecution, and forfeiture, in any district wherein it may be found; one half thereof to the use of the United States, and the other half to the use of him or them who shall prosecute the same to effect.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That no citizen or citizens of the United States, or any other person or persons, shall, after the passing of this act, as aforesaid, for himself, themselves, or any other person or persons whatsoever, either as master, factor, or owner, build, fit, equip, load, or other-
wise prepare, any ship or vessel, in any port or place within
the jurisdiction of the United States, nor cause any such ship or
vessel to sail from any port or place whatsoever, within
the jurisdiction of the same, for the purpose of procuring any
negro, mulatto, or person of colour, from any foreign king-
dom, place, or country, to be transported to any port or place
whateover, to be held, sold, or otherwise disposed of, as
slaves, or to be held to service or labour; and if any ship or
vessel shall be so built, fitted out, equipped, laden, or other-
wise prepared, for the purpose aforesaid, every such ship or
vessel, her tackle, apparel, furniture, and lading, shall be for-
feited, one moiety to the use of the United States, and the
other to the use of the person or persons who shall sue for
said forfeiture, and prosecute the same to effect; and such
ship or vessel shall be liable to be seized, prosecuted, and
condemned, in any court of the United States having com-
petent jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That every person or
persons so building, fitting out, equipping, loading, or other-
wise preparing, or sending away, or causing any of the acts
aforesaid to be done, with intent to employ such ship or ves-
sel in such trade or business, after the passing of this act,
contrary to the true intent and meaning thereof, or who shall
in any wise be aiding or abetting therein, shall severally, on
conviction thereof, by due course of law, forfeit and pay a
sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, nor less than one
thousand dollars, one moiety to the use of the United States,
and the other to the use of the person or persons who shall
sue for such forfeiture and prosecute the same to effect, and
shall moreover be imprisoned for a term not exceeding seven
years, nor less than three years.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any citizen or
persons of the United States, or any other person or persons of
residents within the jurisdiction of the same, shall, from and
after the passing of this act, take on board, receive, or trans-
port, from any of the coasts or kingdoms of Africa, or from
any other foreign kingdom, place, or country, or from sea, any
negro, mulatto, or person of colour, not being an inhabitant
nor held to service by the laws of either of the states or ter-
ritories of the United States, in any ship, vessel, boat, or
other water craft, for the purpose of holding, selling, or other-
wise disposing of such person as a slave, or to be held to
service or labour, or be aiding or abetting therein, every such
person or persons so offending shall, on conviction by due
course of law, severally forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding
five thousand nor less than one thousand dollars, one moiety
to the use of the United States and the other to the use of
the person or persons who shall sue for such forfeiture and
prosecute the same to effect; and moreover, shall suffer im-
prisonment for a term not exceeding seven years, nor less
than three years; and every ship or vessel, boat or other
water craft, on which such negro, mulatto, or person of co-

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ported or brought, in any way, from any foreign kingdom, place, or country, or from the dominions of any foreign state immediately adjoining to the United States, into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the passing of this act, every person so offending, and every person aiding or abetting therein, shall severally forfeit and pay, for every negro, mulatto, or person of colour, so held, purchased, sold, or disposed of, one thousand dollars, one moiety to the use of the United States, and the other to the use of the person or persons who may sue for such forfeiture, and prosecute the same to effect, and to stand committed until the said forfeiture be paid: Provided, That the aforesaid forfeiture shall not extend to the seller or purchaser of an negro, mulatto, or person of colour, who may be sold or disposed of in virtue of any regulations which have been heretofore, or shall hereafter be, lawfully made by any legislature of any state or territory in pursuance of this act and the constitution of the United States.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That in all prosecutions under this act, the defendant or defendants shall be held to prove that the negro, mulatto, or person of colour, which he or they shall be charged with having brought into the United States, or with purchasing, holding, selling, or otherwise disposing of, and which, according to the evidence in such case, the said defendant or defendants have brought in aforesaid, or otherwise disposed of, was brought into the United States at least five years previous to the commencement of such prosecution, or was not brought in, taken, purchased, or otherwise disposed of, contrary to the provision of this act; and in failure thereof, the said defendant or defendants shall be adjudged guilty of the offence of which he or they may stand accused.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That any prosecution, information, or action, may be sustained, for any offence under this act, at any time within five years after such offence shall have been committed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the first six sections of the act to which this is in addition, shall be the same as hereby repealed: Provided, That all offences committed under the said sections of the act aforesaid, before the passing of this act, shall be prosecuted and punished, and any forfeitures which have been incurred under the same shall be recovered and distributed, as if this act had not been passed.

Approved, April 20, 1818.

AN ACT

For disposing of any such negro, mulatto, or person of colour, who has been, or may hereafter be imported, or brought into this state, in violation of an act of the United States, entitled, "an act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, 1808."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and it is enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for his excellency the Governor, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint some fit and proper person, to proceed to all such ports and places within this state, as have, or may have, or may hereafter hold, any negroes, mulattoes, or persons of colour, as may have been, or hereafter may be seized or condemned under the above recited act of Congress, and who may be subject to the control of this state; and the person so appointed shall have full power and authority to ask, demand, and recover and receive all such negroes, mulattoes, or persons of colour, and to convey the same to Millidgeville, and place them under the immediate control of the executive of this state.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That his excellency the Governor is hereby empowered to cause the said negroes, mulattoes, or persons of colour, to be sold, after giving sixty days notice in a public gazette, in such manner as he may think best calculated for the interest of this state.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if previous to any sale of any such persons of colour, the Society for Colonization of free persons of colour within the United States, will undertake to transport them to Africa, or any other foreign place, which they may procure as a Colony for free persons of colour, at the sole expense of said Society, and shall likewise pay to his Excellency the Governor, all expenses incurred by the State, since they have been captured and condemned, his Excellency the Governor is authorized and requested to aid in promoting the benevolent views of said Society, in such manner as he may deem expedient.

Assented to, 19th December, 1817.