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OF THE

STATUTE LAWS OF KENTUCKY,

OF

A PUBLIC AND PERMANENT NATURE,

FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, ENDING ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY, 1834.

WITH REFERENCES TO JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

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token whereby it may 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 with stripes, or not, in his discretion.

Coming on the plantation of others without leave from their masters, may be whipped.

SEC. 4. And if any slave shall presume to come and be upon the plantation of any person whatsoever, without leave 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.

Not to keep or carry arms.

SEC. 5. No negro, mulatto, or Indian, whatsoever, 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, mulatto, or Indian, 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 seisor 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.

Except those living on frontiers licensed by justices of the peace.

SEC. 6. *Provided, nevertheless,* That every free negro, mulatto, or Indian, being a housekeeper, may be permitted to keep one gun, powder and shot; and all negroes, mulattoes and Indians, bond or free, living at any frontier plantation, may be permitted to keep and use guns, powder, shot and weapons offensive and defensive, by license from a justice of the peace of the county wherein such plantations lie, to be obtained upon the application of free negroes, mulattoes or Indians, or by the owners of such as are slaves.

Riots, routs, &c. how punished.

SEC. 7. Riots, routs, unlawful assemblies, trespasses and seditious speeches by a slave or slaves, shall be punished with stripes, at the discretion of a justice of the peace, and he who will, may apprehend and carry him, or her, or them before such justice.

No person shall permit the slaves of others to remain on his plantation.

SEC. 8. And to prevent the inconveniences arising by the meetings of slaves: *Be it further enacted,* that if any master, mistress, or overseer of a family, shall knowingly permit or suffer any slave not belonging to him or her, to be and remain upon his or her plantation above four hours at one time, without leave of the owner or overseer of such slave, he or she so permitting, shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every such offence; and every owner or overseer of a plantation, who shall so permit or suffer more than five negroes or slaves, other than his or her own, to be and remain upon his or her plantation or quarter, at any one time, shall forfeit and pay five shillings for each negro or slave, above that number; which said several forfeitures shall be to the informer and recoverable with