



D I G E S T

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.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

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1834.

1815.

IN FORCE FROM ITS PASSAGE.

AN ACT to amend the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth: Approved February 8, 1815.—5 *Litt.* 295.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That any person, and his, her or their aiders or abettors, who shall be convicted of wilfully and maliciously stopping the passage of salt water conducted through pipes from any well to any cistern or furnace where salt is making within this commonwealth, shall undergo a confinement in the jail and penitentiary house, for a period of not more than three years, nor less than one year.

Punishment
for stopping
salt water.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any person, his, her or their aiders or abettors, convicted of wilfully and maliciously destroying or filling up any well or pump of salt water in use, so as to stop the use and benefit of said well or pump, shall undergo a confinement in the jail and penitentiary house, for a period of not more than three years, nor less than one year.

Punishment
for filling up
well.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That any slave or person of color, convicted before any justice of the peace, of either of the offences stated in the two first sections of this act, shall receive, on his or her bare back, thirty-nine lashes.

People of
color to be
whipped.

1819.

IN FORCE FROM FIRST OF APRIL.

AN ACT concerning certain Offences committed by Slaves, and giving the Circuit Courts jurisdiction of the Trial of Slaves for Capital Offences: Approved February 10, 1819.—*Session Acts*, p. 787.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That if any slave shall wilfully and maliciously shoot at any free white person, with a gun or other instrument, with intent to kill such person; or if any slave shall wilfully and maliciously wound any free white person, with intent to kill such person, or with intent to kill any other person, the slave so offending, his or her aider, abettors and counsellors, being a slave or slaves, shall be held guilty of felony, and shall therefor suffer death.

Punishment
of a slave shoot-
ing at or wound-
ing a free white
person with in-
tent to kill.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That hereafter every slave who shall be charged in law with any offence punishable with death by the laws of this commonwealth, shall be tried and prosecuted in the circuit courts of this commonwealth only, in the same manner and under the same forms of trial as are by law prescribed in the cases of free persons.

Trial of slaves
for crimes pun-
ishable with
death, to be had
in the circuit
courts only.