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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforefaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY

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G O V E R N O R.

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**PROVIDED**, That nothing herein contained shall exempt any Goods, which may be received by the Owners thereof without Bond given as aforesaid, from Seizure and Condemnation, in Manner as is by Law directed.

**WHEREAS** by an Act of this Assembly made and passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1784, intituled, "An Act authorizing the Manumission of Negroes, Mulattoes and others, and for the gradual Abolition of Slavery," it is therein among other Things enacted, that the Negro and Mulatto Children which should be born within this State on or after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, should be maintained, supported and educated, at the Expence of those Towns in which they reside: And whereas the subjecting Towns to the Support and Education of such Children is extremely burthensome, and is incompatible with the Principles upon which the said Act was passed:

Act repealing Part of the Act respecting the Manumission of Slaves.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That so much of the said Act as subjects the Towns to the Expence of the Support and Education of the Negro or Mulatto Children, who should be born on or after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*BE it further Enacted*, That every Negro or Mulatto Child, born after the First Day of *March*, A. D. 1784, be supported and maintained by the Owner of the Mother of such Child, to the Age of Twenty-one Years; provided the Owner of the Mother shall during that Time hold her as a Slave; or otherwise, upon the Manumission of such Mother agreeably to the said Act, the Owner shall be discharged from any further Expence of supporting and maintaining such Child.

*AND be it further Enacted*, That no Person held in Servitude or Slavery, who shall be emancipated, be supported as a Pauper, provided he or she exceeds the Age of Thirty Years at the Time of such Emancipation; any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

**WHEREAS** Mr. *Fleet Brown* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he is the Collector for the said Town of *Foster's* Proportion of the Tax ordered in *June*, A. D. 1784; for the Deficiency whereof the Treasurer of said Town hath been committed to Gaol, and he the Petitioner hath been called upon for the Money due, being about *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*: That by Reason of Sicknes he hath not been able to collect the said Tax; and that if he be allowed One Month from the Time the Execution to be issued on the Judgment shall be returnable, he doubts not but he shall be able to satisfy the same: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to grant him that Time:

*F. Brown's* Petition.

On Consideration whereof:

*IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court for the County of *Providence* issue an Execution upon the said Judgment, return-