

Excerpts from *Codification of the Statute Law of Georgia* (1848)

Punishment for purchasing from slaves without permit. — [sec. xiii.]

If any person shall buy or receive from any slave, any amount of money exceeding one dollar, or any cotton, tobacco, wheat, rye, oats, corn, rice, or poultry of any description whatever, or any other article, commodity or thing, (except brooms, baskets, foot and bed mats, shuck collars, and such other thing or things, article or articles, as are usually manufactured or vended by slaves, for their own use only,) without written permission from the owner, overseer, or employer of such slave, or some other person authorized to give such permission, authorizing such slave to sell and dispose of said money or other article or articles, such person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, be punished by fine or imprisonment in the common jail of the county, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Punishment for delivering goods to slaves. — [sec. xv.] If any per-

son shall sell or deliver to any slave or slaves, any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any other thing or things, unless it be in exchange for some article or articles, which the owner, overseer, or employer of such slave or slaves, may have authorized such slave or slaves to trade or deal in, according to the provisions of the thirteenth section of this division, such person so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the common jail of the county, or both, at the discretion of the court. . . .

Punishment for giving unlawful tickets to slaves, — [sec. xvii.]

If any person shall give a ticket, pass, or license to any slave, who is the property, or under the care and control of another, without the consent of the owner, or other person having the care or control of such slave, such person so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars. . . .

Punishment of free persons of color for trading with slaves. —

If any slave or slaves, or free persons of color shall purchase or buy any of the aforesaid commodities from any slave or slaves, he, she, or they, on conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, shall receive on his, her, or their bare back or backs, thirty-nine lashes, to be well laid on by a constable of said county, or other person appointed by the justice of the peace for that purpose: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any slave or slaves from selling poultry at any time without a ticket, in the counties of Liberty, McIntosh, Camden, Glynn, and Wayne.