

AN ACT IN REGARD TO SLAVERY AND FREE NEGROES AND MULATTOES (1844):

Be it enacted by the Legislative Committee of Oregon as follows:

Section I. That slavery and involuntary servitude shall be forever prohibited in Oregon.

Section II. That in cases where slaves shall have been, or shall be, brought into Oregon, the owners of such slaves respectively shall have the term of three years from the introduction of such slaves to remove them out of the country.

Section III. That if such owner of such slaves shall neglect or refuse to remove such slaves from the country within the time specified in the preceding section, such slave shall be free.

Section IV. That when any free negro or mulatto shall have come to Oregon, he or she (as the case may be), if of the age of eighteen or upward, shall remove from and leave the country within the term of two years for males, and three years for females from the passage of this act; and that if any free negro or mulatto shall hereafter come to Oregon, if of the age aforesaid, he or she shall quit and leave the country within the term of two years for male and three years for females from his or her arrival in the country.

Section V. That if such free negro or mulatto under age aforesaid, the terms of time specified in the preceding section shall begin to run when he or she shall arrive at such age.

Section VI. That if any such free negro or mulatto shall fail to quit the country as required by this act, he or she may be arrested upon a warrant issued by some justice of the peace, and, if guilty upon trial before such justice, shall receive upon his or her bare back not less than twenty nor more than thirty-nine stripes, to be inflicted by the constable of the proper county.

Section VII. That if any free negro or mulatto shall fail to quit the country within the term of six months after receiving such stripes, he or she shall again receive the same punishment once in every six months until he or she shall quit the country.

Section VIII. That when any slave shall obtain his or her freedom, the time specified in the fourth section shall begin to run from the time when such freedom shall be obtained.

AN ACT AMENDATORY OF AN ACT PASSED JUNE 26, 1844, IN REGARD TO
SLAVERY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Committee of Oregon as follows:

Section I. That the sixth and seventh sections of said act are hereby re- pealed.

Section II. That if any such free negro or mulatto shall fail to quit and leave 'the country, as required by the act to which this is amendatory, he or she may be arrested upon a warrant issued by some justice of the peace; and if guilty upon trial before such justice had, the said justice shall issue his order to any officer competent to execute process, directing said officer to give ten days' notice at least four written or printed advertisements, that he will publicly hire out such free negro or mulatto to the lowest bidder, on a day and at a place therein specified. On the day and at the place mentioned in said notice, such officer shall expose such free negro or mulatto to public hiring ; and the person who will obligate himself to remove such free negro or mulatto from the country for the shortest term of service, shall enter into a bond with good and sufficient surety to Oregon, in a penalty of at least one thousand dollars, binding himself to remove said negro or mulatto out of the country within six months after such service shall expire ; which bond shall be filed in the clerk's office in the proper county ; and upon failure to perform the conditions of said bond, the attorney prosecuting for Oregon shall commence a suit upon a certified copy of such bond in the circuit court against such delinquent and his sureties.