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“Act to Establish and Regulate the Domestic Relations of Persons of Colour...” December 1865

Section 35. All persons of color who make contracts for service or labor, shall be known as servants, and those with whom they contract, shall be known as masters.

Section 48. Visitors or other persons shall not be invited or allowed by the servant to come or remain upon the premises of the master without his express permission.

Section 49. Servants shall not be absent from the premises without the permission of the master.

Section 52. For any acts or things herein declared to be causes for the discharge of a servant, or for any breach of contract or duty by him, instead of discharging the servant, the master may complain to the District Judge or one of the Magistrates, who shall have power, on being satisfied of the misconduct complained of, to inflict, or cause to be inflicted, on the servant, suitable corporal punishment, or impose upon him such pecuniary fine as may be thought fit, and immediately to remand him to his work; which fine shall be deducted from his wages, if not otherwise paid.

Section 72. No person of color shall pursue or practice the art, trade or business of an artisan, mechanic or shop-keeper, or any other trade, employment or business (besides that of husbandry, or that of a servant under a contract for service or labor,) on his own account and for his own benefit, or in partnership with a white person, or as agent or servant of any persons, until he shall have obtained a license therefore from the Judge of the District Court; which license shall be good for one year only.

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