

An act passed in the year 1740, and made perpetual in 1783, it commences by a heart chilling enunciation relative to that odious and detestable deformity Slavery : " Whereas in his Majesty's Plantations, &c. &c. Slavery has been allowed; be it enacted that all *Negroes*, *Mulattes*, &c. &c. who are, or shall hereafter be in this *Province*, (the Carolinas) and all their issue and offspring born, and to be born, shall be and are hereby declared to be and remain for ever after absolute *Slaves*."

Clause 37th: " Be it enacted, that any person wilfully murdering a slave shall forfeit £100 sterling, and if any person shall on a sudden heat of passion, or by undue correction kill his own slave, or slave of another person, he shall forfeit £50."

Clause 38th, enacts a penalty of £14 for cutting out the tongue, dismembering and other tortures inflicted by any other instrument than a horsewhip, cow skin, or small stick.

Clause 45th, inflicts a penalty of £100 for teaching a slave to write.

At the commencement of the late war with America, and during a great part of its progress, the people were divided into three parties, *Republicans*, *Federalists*,