

State of South-Carolina,
CITY OF CHARLESTON

An Act to Amend

Amendatory of the twenty first clause of an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation and government of the Public Markets in the City of Charleston, for the adjustment of Weights and Measures in the said City and for other purposes therein mentioned."

WHEREAS it is necessary to restrain the trading of slaves and other persons of Colour, in vegetable and other Market Produce, and Poultry, which, at present, is carried on in the Market, to the great detriment of the Farmers and highly disadvantageous to the citizens:—

Be it ordained by the Intendant and Warden of Charleston, in City Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any slave or persons of colour, to sell or dispose of in said Markets of Charleston, or elsewhere any vegetable or garden produce or poultry of any description whatever, on his or her account, or for and on account of any other slave or person of colour; and that no slave or person of colour shall be permitted to sell or dispose of in the said Market, or elsewhere in the city, any vegetable or garden produce, or poultry, of any description whatever, other than such as is raised upon, or is the growth or produce of the Garden or Farm of his or her owner, or employer or the representative of the same, and not without a ticket specifying the name of the slave or person of colour so selling, together with the different articles, and certifying that the said vegetable or garden produce and poultry, are the growth and were raised upon the Farm or Garden of him or her so certifying. And every free person of colour herein in anywise offending shall, for each and every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Dollars; and every slave shall for each and every such offence, be put for one hour in the Stocks at the Public Market, and be liable to receive at the same, not less than ten nor more than twenty lashes on the bare back, to be adjudged by any two Commissioners of the said Market, and to be inflicted by the Clerks thereof. Provided however, That if the owner, or employer of any such offending slave, (or the agent, or representative of such owner or employer) shall, before the expiration of the market hours, or before the execution of such punishment, tender and pay to the Clerk of the said Market the sum of five dollars, such slave shall thereupon be released from the corporal punishment by him or her incurred as aforesaid. And every article offered for sale by a slave, without a proper ticket as aforesaid, shall moreover be forfeited to any person or persons seizing the same.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That so much of every Ordinance repugnant hereto, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ratified in City Council, the thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, and in the thirty-fourth year of the sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

WILLIAM ROUSE, Intendant.

G. M. BOUNTHEAU, Clerk of Council.