

LAWS
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

LILBURN W. BOGGS, *Governor.*
FRANKLIN CANNON, *President of the Senate.*
JOHN JAMESON, *Speaker House of Representatives.*

ACTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE.

ABOLITION.

AN ACT to prohibit the publication, circulation, or promulgation of the abolition doctrines.

Persons circulating abolition doctrines, how punished.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:—

§ 1. If any person shall publish, circulate, or utter by writing, speaking, or printing, any facts, arguments, reasoning, or opinions, tending directly to excite any slave or slaves, or other persons of color, in this State, to rebellion, sedition, mutiny, insurrection, or murder, with intent to excite such slave or slaves, or other persons of color, to rebellion, sedition, mutiny, insurrection or murder, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned in the State penitentiary for a term not exceeding two years; and for the second offence, being thereof convicted, he shall be imprisoned in the State penitentiary for a term not exceeding twenty years; and for the third offence, being thereof convicted, he shall be imprisoned in the State penitentiary during life.

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