State of Maine.

In the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-seven.

An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. Any slave voluntarily brought into this state by his master, or with his knowledge or consent, shall thereby become free:

And if restrained of his liberty, he may, on the writ of Habeas Corpus, be discharged from such restraint, and any attempt by any person to restrain such slave of his liberty, or to exercise the authority of master over him, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its approval by the governor.
Senate
Apr. 11 1837

This Bill was twice read and passed
to be engrossed

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Wm. C. Wilcox Clerk

This bill having had two several readings
passed to be engrossed accordingly
Bill Ch. 170

An Act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State for land to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them

1857

April 14. Enacted

State of Maine.

In Senate, April 10, 1857.

The Committee on Bills in the second reading have examined a bill entitled an act declaring all slaves voluntarily brought into this state 9 then Master free.

and report the same without amendment

Per Order,

Accepted.

Secretary, pro tem.
State of Maine.

House of Representatives, April 13, 1857.

The Committee on Bills in the third reading have examined a Bill entitled "An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them."

and report the same without amendment.

[Signature]

Chairman.