

## THE SLAVERY ACT.

[INDIA ACT V, 1843.] (7th April, 1843.)

Prohibition  
of sale of  
person or  
right to his  
labour on  
ground of  
slavery.

1. No public officer shall, in execution of any decree or order of Court, or for the enforcement of any demand of rent or revenue, sell or cause to be sold any person, or the right to the compulsory labour or services of any person, on the ground that such person is in a state of slavery.

2. No rights arising out of an alleged property in the person and services of another as a slave shall be enforced by any civil or criminal Court or Magistrate.

Bar to enforcement of rights arising out of alleged property in person as a slave.

3. No person who may have acquired property by his own industry, or by the exercise of any art, calling or profession, or by inheritance, assignment, gift or bequest, shall be dispossessed of such property or prevented from taking possession thereof on the ground that such person or that the person from whom the property may have been derived was a slave.

Bar to dispossession of property on ground of owner's slavery.

4. Any act which would be a penal offence if done to a free man shall be equally an offence if done to any person on the pretext of his being in a condition of slavery.

Penal offence against alleged slave.