

therefrom, and they and their posterity shall be forever free, and if any such persons or their posterity shall be restrained of liberty under pretence of any claim to such service or labor, the Courts of the United States shall on habeas corpus, discharge them.

Section 13. And be it further enacted, that any person declared free by this act or any law of the United States, or any proclamation of the President be restrained of liberty with intent to be held in, or reduced to involuntary servitude or labor, the person convicted before a court of competent jurisdiction of such act shall be punished by fine of not less than fifteen Hundred Dollars, and be imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty years.

Section 14. And be it further enacted, that every person who shall hereafter, hold or exercise any office, civil or military in the Rebel service, State or Confederate, is hereby declared not to be a Citizen of the United States.