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While the State of Connecticut introduced an act of gradual emancipation in 1784, the lives of Connecticut's slaves remained regulated by the state, as can be seen in these pages from the 1784 edition of the *Acts and Laws of the State of Connecticut*. Slaves were subjected to a 9:00 pm curfew and anyone found entertaining slaves past that hour could be subjected to a fine. The former owner of a manumitted slave was responsible for that individual's maintenance "in case they come to want."
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