

person shall apply to bodies politic and corporate, and all corporations shall be responsible under this article for the wrongful acts, neglect or default of all agents employed by them.

ARTICLE LXVI.

Negroes.

SEC. 1. Negroes have been held in slavery in this State as the property of their owners from the earliest settlement thereof, and are and may be hereafter held in slavery as the property of their owners; and every owner of such negro is entitled to his service and labor for the life of such negro, except in cases where such negro can show that, by the grant or devise of the owner, or some former owner of such negro, or his or her maternal ancestor, a shorter period of service has been prescribed.

2. Any person may bring into this State any negro slaves for life, from any other of the United States, or from any district or territory thereof; *Provided*, they have not been guilty of any crime, or previously banished from this State.

RUNAWAYS.

3. Any person may arrest any runaway negro, and carry him before a judge or justice, and have him committed to the jail of the county.

4. Any judge or justice before whom any negro shall be brought as a runaway, shall commit him to the jail of the county, unless he be satisfied by competent testimony that said negro is free.

5. The owner of a negro slave who is not engaged in the traffic of buying and selling slaves, may have such slave committed to jail, and supported there at his expense.

6. The sheriff shall, within fifteen days after a negro is committed as a runaway, advertise the same in some daily newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, and in such other