

than forty dollars, and one dollar for every succeeding day such obstructions shall remain, the one-half to the informer and the other half to the commissioners of Pocomoke River, to be expended by them in cleaning out said river.

#### NEGROES AND SLAVES.

67. It shall be the duty of constables in Worcester county to arrest and bring before a justice of the peace any slave who may be going at large and hiring himself within their respective districts, or who may not have a fixed home in the family or on the estate of his owner, or be hired to or in the regular employ of another person by virtue of a contract with his owner; in all cases, the justice, if satisfied that the said slave was going at large in violation of the laws of this State, shall direct the constable to hire such slave for the entire residue of the year.

68. For each examination of slaves under the preceding section, the justice shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, to be levied as part of the county expenses.

69. Each constable shall keep an account of the slaves by him hired out, and the amount of hire received for each, the account to be submitted and the money accounted for to the county commissioners, annually.

70. The county commissioners shall allow any constable who may have taken up and hired any slaves two dollars for each slave, but in no case shall the amount allowed any constable exceed two-thirds of the amount by him paid over to the commissioners.

71. Any constable who neglects to comply with the provisions of the 67th section of this article shall be subject to a fine of not more than ten nor less than three dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the Circuit Court for said county.

72. No slave being a pilot, and hiring himself as such, shall be subject to the provisions of section 65 of this article, nor shall other slaves be arrested therefor during twenty days in harvest.

73. The clerk of the Circuit Court for said county shall not grant a license to any free negro to sell merchandise in said county, except by the special order of the said court passed on