

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the several courts of this state having jurisdiction over crimes, shall within their respective jurisdiction have cognizance of the crimes hereinbefore declared and enacted as in other cases.

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Jurisdiction of such crimes

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the judges of the several courts in the state having criminal jurisdiction, shall upon the conviction of any free negro or mulatto, inquire into the fact whether such negro or mulatto has been previously sentenced to undergo confinement in the penitentiary, and if any court shall find to their satisfaction that any such convict has been previously sentenced at any former term of any court or courts of this state, to confinement therein, that then it shall be lawful for such court to order such negro or mulatto to be sold, at the discretion of the court, for a term of years, without the limits of the state, and the proceeds thereof, after defraying the expenses of prosecution, shall be paid into the public treasury.

Free Negroes previously sentenced to the Penitentiary, and found guilty of second offence, &c. may be sold out of the State

Proceeds applied

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That one moiety of all fines and forfeitures adjudged by or accruing in Baltimore city court, when and as hereafter secured by the Sheriff of Baltimore county, shall be paid to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and that out of such funds the judges of said Court may order and direct to be paid to the Attorney General, or to any or either of his deputies, such additional fees, not exceeding thirty dollars in any one case, in cases of extraordinary duration or trouble, as they shall deem just and reasonable, and *provided further,* that this section shall not have any effect upon the right of informers.

Fines and forfeitures in Baltimore city court—how disposed of

CHAPTER 201.

*An act to establish Magistrates' Courts in the several Counties of this State, and to prescribe their jurisdiction.*

Passed Mar. 18, 1836

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next, the number of Justices of the Peace in every

Appointment of three justices in each election district