

CHAP. 169 fines, and costs and charges, due on criminal prosecutions against them respectively: And whereas the said county hath already been put to considerable expense in keeping and supporting the said negroes in gaol; Therefore,

Negroes to be released from prison

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sheriff of Talbot county be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to discharge the said Dick Jingo and Oliver Bond from gaol, upon the commitment for their fines, and costs and charges aforesaid, and the levy court of said county is hereby required and directed, to levy upon the assessable property of said county, the costs and charges due from the said two negroes, upon the said criminal prosecutions, and also the prison fees which now remain due for keeping the said negroes in gaol upon the commitments aforesaid.

## CHAP. CLXX.

Passed Mar 6, 1827 An Act to facilitate the collection of Taxes due upon Lands in Charles County belonging to Non-Resident Proprietors.

Timber, &c may be sold for taxes due by landowners

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the present, future, and former collectors of the tax for Charles county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to sell and dispose of at public sale, having first given thirty days notice, by public advertisement set up at the courthouse of said county, and at four other of the most public places in the county, of the time and place of such sale, a sufficient quantity of timber, growing on the land, suitable for cord wood or fence rails, to satisfy and pay all taxes due, or which may hereafter become due, on lands belonging to persons who do not reside in said county, and the said collector, at the time of such sale, shall give a certificate to the purchaser or purchasers of such timber, of such sale, stating the quantity and quality of such timber so sold, and shall also make return to the levy court of the county at their next meeting, which return shall be recorded among their proceedings.

Purchasers authorised to take away the same

2. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons purchasing any timber sold by virtue of this act, shall at any time within twelve months from the day of sale, have full power and authority to enter upon the lands upon which the timber has been sold as aforesaid, and cut down and carry away the quantity of timber purchased by him or them as aforesaid.

In case of an insufficiency to satisfy tax a land may be sold

3. *And be it enacted,* That if there should not be a sufficient quantity of timber on said lands to satisfy the taxes due as aforesaid, or which may hereafter become due upon said lands, or if the collector shall not be enabled to effect a sale of such timber to pay the taxes due, or which may hereafter become due as aforesaid, then it may be lawful for the collector or collectors as aforesaid, to sell any one tract or parcel of land upon which the taxes may be due, having first given the notice required by the first section of this act, and further notice in one newspaper published in the District of Columbia, of the time and place of such sale, specifying the amount of tax due, the name, quantity and situation, of such tract or parcel of land, and shall make return of such sale to the levy court of the county at their next meeting, to be recorded among their pro-