

Dec. Ses. 1821. if any person so apprehended, shall, on such inquiry, be found to be guilty of a misdemeanor only cognisable by justices of the peace, he shall be dealt with as now directed by law.

May enter forcibly to search.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if said patrol have reason to suspect that any run-away negro slave or person of color is concealed or harbored in any dwelling or out-house of any colored person within their search, it shall be the duty of such patrol to demand of the owner or occupant of such house, to be admitted into the same, for the purpose of making search as aforesaid; and if the owner or occupant shall refuse to suffer such entry and search, it shall be lawful for such patrol to use all necessary force to effect the same; and in any action of trespass or other suit brought by any owner or occupant for any entry made in virtue of this act, the defendant shall, on the general issue plea, have liberty to give the special matter in evidence.

Persons refusing to serve—penalty.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person named in such requisition or patrol, on being duly notified and summoned by such justice of the peace, or by their authority, shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, every such person so offending shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars, nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered as other small debts out of court now are, by warrant in the name of the state; and the money so arising to be applied to the use of the commissioners of the school fund of said county.

CHAPTER 149.

Passed Feb. 11, 1822. *An act to authorise Richard B. Lee, to bring into this state a certain negro therein mentioned.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this general assembly by the memorial of Richard B. Lee, a Lieutenant in the army of the United States, that he is now stationed at Fort Severn in the city of Annapolis, and is anxious to bring from the state of Virginia a negro boy named William, in order that he may receive his services during his continuance at the place aforesaid. *And whereas,* It is doubtful whether by the existing laws of this state he can remove said negro without the aid of the legislature—Therefore,

May import a slave.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Richard B. Lee, a Lieutenant in the army of the United States, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to remove and bring into this state from the state of Virginia, a negro boy named William, aged about thirteen years, at any time within six months after the passage of this act, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 150.

Passed Feb. 9, 1822.

Preamble.

An act relating to the Maryland Penitentiary.

WHEREAS, The Maryland Penitentiary being at this time burthened with heavy debts which embarrass the operations of this institution, and it being the disposition of the state to furnish it with such resources as may enable it to pay its debts—Therefore,

May issue certificates—a mount—transferable.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to cause to be constituted, certificates of stock signed by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Council, in favor of the original holders thereof or their assignees, for the sum of twenty-eight