

first taking it to the market house of said town, as required by the sixth and seventh sections of the act, to which this is an additional supplement, provided nevertheless, that they shall be required to take said marketing to the market house, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and not dispose of it elsewhere on said days, before the hour of ten o'clock, A. M.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That the twelfth and thirteenth sections of said act, which requires the appointment of a wood corder, and the cording of the wood sold in said town, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Cording wood repealed.

CHAPTER 171.

A supplement to an act entitled, An Act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways.

Passed Feb. 25, 1825.

*Whereas*, it has been represented to this General Assembly that Baltimore county is subjected to great annual expense on account of negroes being committed to the jail of that county, on suspicion of being runaway slaves; for remedy whereof,

Preamble.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in future all commitments of negroes as runaway slaves, to the jail of Baltimore county, by justices of the peace, shall distinctly state the name or names of such negro or negroes, the name and place of residence of the supposed owner or owners, and the proof whether written or oral, upon which said commitment or commitments are founded; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county, within forty-eight hours after the receipt of such commitment or commitments to deliver a copy thereof to any one of the judges of the said court, who shall thereupon immediately order the sheriff of said county, to bring before him such negro or negroes, with the commitment or commitments aforesaid; and to examine fully into the propriety of such commitment or commitments; and if in his opinion the testimony in support of the same is insufficient, then to discharge such negro or negroes from imprisonment, or otherwise to recommit him, her or them to jail, to be dealt with as the law directs, in regard to runaway negroes.

Justice of the peace and sheriff directed. Judges to examine.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said judge shall deliver the said commitment or commitments to the clerk of the city court, to be filed and preserved by him, amongst the proceedings of said court.

Commitment to be returned and filed.

3. *And be it enacted*, That if the sheriff of said county shall neglect or omit to deliver a copy of said commitment or commitments to some one of the judges of Baltimore city court, within the time before directed, he shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, in the name of the state in Baltimore city court, one half to go to the informer, and the other to the state.

Penalty—sheriffs neglect.

4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the sheriff aforesaid, to advertise said negro or negroes only in the cases of recommitment aforesaid, which shall be published in forty-eight hours thereafter, under the penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered as herein before directed, with a full description of the said negro or negroes, and the name and residence of supposed owner or own-

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