without the leave or consent of the master, owner or overseer of such slave. And if any person shall presume to deal with any slave without such leave or consent, he or she so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the master or owner of such slave, four times the value of the thing so bought, sold or received, to be recovered with costs by action upon the case in any Court of Record within this commonwealth, and shall also forfeit and pay the further sum of twenty dollars to any person who will sue for the same; to be recovered with Costs by summons and petition in the same manner as other debts not exceeding twenty Dollars, nor under five dollars in any Court of record, or receive on his or her bare back, thirty nine lashes well laid on at the public whipping post, but shall nevertheless be liable to pay the Costs of such Summons and petition.—

If any negro or mulatto, bond or free, shall at any time lift his or her hand in opposition to any person not being a negro or mulatto, he or she so offending, shall for every such offence, proved by the oath of the party before a Justice of the peace of the County or Corporation where such offence shall be committed, receive such punishment as the Justice shall think proper, not exceeding thirty nine lashes, on his or her bare back, well laid on, except in those cases when it shall appear to such Justice, that such negro, or mulatto was wantonly assaulted, and lifted his or her hand in his or her defence.—

It shall not be lawful for County or Corporation Court,

Court, to order and direct castration of any slave, except such slave shall be convicted of an attempt to ravish a white woman, in which case they may inflict such punishment. Provided always that nothing herein before contained, shall be construed to bar the action of any person whose slave or slaves shall be killed by any other person or persons whatsoever, or shall die through the negligence of any surgeon or other person undertaking the dismembering or cure of any slave so punished by order of Court; but every owner shall and may have the same remedy for the death and loss of his or her slave or slaves, as he or she might have had if this act had never been made.—

And whereas many times slaves run away, and lie out hid and lurking in Swamps, woods and other obscure places, killing hogs and committing other injuries to the inhabitants of this Commonwealth; Be it therefore Enacted, that in all such cases, upon intelligence given of two or more slaves lying out as aforesaid, any two Justices of the peace of the County wherein the slaves are supposed to lurk or do mischief, shall be and are empowered and required by warrant, reciting their names, and owners names, if known to direct the Sheriff of the said County to take such power with him, as he shall think fit and necessary for the effectual apprehending such out lying slave or slaves, and go in search of them, and upon their being apprehended, to commit them to the jail of his County for further trial.—

If any negro or other slaves, shall at any time consult, advise, or conspire to rebel, or make