make insurrection, or shall plot or conspire the murder of any person or persons whatsoever, every such consulting plotting, or conspiring, shall be adjudged and deemed felony, and the slave or slaves convicted thereof, in manner herein after directed, shall suffer death, and be utterly excluded from all benefit of Clergy.—

If any negro or other slave, shall prepare, exhibit, or administer any medicine whatsoever, he or she so offending, shall be judged guilty of felony, and suffer death without benefit of Clergy.— Provided always, That if it shall appear to the Court before whom such slave shall be tried, that the medicine was not prepared, exhibited or administered with an ill intent, nor attended with any bad consequences, such slave shall be acquitted. And provided also. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any slave or slaves, administering medecines by his or her, master's or Mistresses order in his or her family, or the family of another, with the mutual consent of the owner of such slave, and the Master or Mistress of such family.

If any master or owner of a slave, shall licence such slave to go at large, and trade as a freeman, the master or owner shall forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars for the use of the poor of the district where such slave shall be found going at large and trading as aforesaid, to be recovered by the overseers of the poor, by action of debt in any Court of record within this Commonwealth; and if after conviction such slave shall so going at large and trading, the Master or owner shall

shall again be liable to like penalty, to be recovered as aforesaid, and so as often after conviction, as such slave shall be found going at large and trading. If any person shall permit or suffer his or her slave to go at large, or hire him or herself out, it shall be lawful for any person to apprehend, and carry every such slave, before a Justice of the peace in the County or Corporation where apprehended, and if it shall appear to the Justice that such slave comes within the purview of this act, he shall order him or her to the jail of the County or Corporation, there to be safely kept until the next Court, when, if it shall be made appear to the Court that the slave so ordered to jail hath been permitted or suffered to hire him or herself out, contrary to the meaning of this act, it shall be lawful for the Court, and they are hereby required to order the Sheriff or other officer of the County or Corporation, to sell and dispose of every such slave for ready money, at the next Court held for the said County or Corporation; notice being given by the Sheriff or other officer, at the Court-House door, at least twenty days before the said sale. Twenty five per Centum upon the amount of the sale of every slave, so going at large, or hiring out himself or herself, shall be applied by the Court ordering such sale towards lessening the County levy, and the residue shall be paid by the Sheriff or other officer, after deducting five per Centum for his trouble, and the Sailors fees, to the owner of such slave.

If any person, shall hereafter be guilty of stealing or selling any free person for a slave, knowing the said persons so sold to be free, and thereof shall be lawfully convicted, the person so convicted shall suffer