

Session pay the Takers-up of such Slaves, out of the Publick Stock lodged  
Laws in his Hands, the Sum of Money allowed them by this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds Current Money be immediately paid by the Treasurer for the Western-Shore, to the aforesaid Commissioner to be appointed, and lodged with him, or such other Person as shall hereafter be appointed and commissioned, as a Stock and Fund, for the due discharging and paying the Takers up of such Run-away Slaves as are provided for by this Act: And the said Commissioner to be appointed to execute the same Trusts, shall be and is hereby further authorized and empowered to commit all such Run-away Slaves as he shall receive from the Takers-up, and shall have paid them for so doing, according to the Directions of this Act, to the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince-George's or Baltemore Counties, (unless such Commissioner can secure the Reward paid to the Taker-up of such Slave, with the other Fees that shall accrue, and otherwise conveniently convey such Slave to the Owner,) there to remain till the Master or Owner of such Slave or Slaves (to whom the Sheriff is to give speedy Notice, if known) shall make full Satisfaction to the said Sheriff for the Sum of Money certified to the Sheriff that hath been paid out of the Publick Stock for taking up such Run-away Slave, together with Ten Shillings Current Money, a Fee hereby allowed the Commissioner aforesaid for his Trouble on such Run-away Slave so brought before him: All which Sums of Money received by the Sheriff as aforesaid, shall be by him immediately paid to the aforesaid Commissioner, to make good the Publick Stock so far as has been disbursed out of it; of all which Sums of Money received or disbursed by the said Commissioner according to the Directions of this Act, he is hereby required to keep a fair Account, to be laid before the General Assembly of this Province, as often as need shall require, and to be always under their Correction and Direction: And in case the Owner of any Run-away Slave that shall be committed to the Custody of the Sheriff, in manner aforesaid, after one Month's Notice given by the Sheriff to such Owner, if living in the Province, of his having such Slave or Slaves in his Custody, or  
p. 282 Two Months like Notice if living in any of the neighbouring Provinces; or if after Six Months Imprisonment of such Slave, the Owner shall not be discovered to such Sheriff; and if such Owner of such Run-away Slave do not appear within the Time limited as aforesaid, and pay such Imprisonment Fees as are due to the Sheriff, together with the several Sums of Money deposited out of the Publick Stock for taking up such Slave or Slaves, as also the Fee of Ten Shillings Current Money allowed the said Commissioner for his Trouble on each Slave; In all such Cases, the Sheriff having such Slaves in his Custody, is hereby authorized and required (such Time of Notice limited as aforesaid being expired,) immediately to give publick Notice to all Persons by setting up Notes at the