

Liber H. S. No. I Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That nothing in the above recited Act contained shall be construed to indemnify any Officer, or other Person, killing any Slave or Slaves resisting, or refusing to surrender, from undergoing a legal Trial; any Thing contained in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding: But that it shall and may be lawful for any Person upon his or her Trial, for killing any Slave or Slaves, to give this, and the above recited Act, in Evidence, upon Not guilty pleaded and if it shall appear, upon the Evidence, that such killing as aforesaid, was done in the lawful Execution and in Pursuance of the aforesaid Act, that then such Person or Persons, so killing as aforesaid, in Pursuance and in the lawful Execution of the aforesaid Act, shall be acquitted and discharged thereof, and from all Penalties, Forfeitures and Punishments, for such killing as aforesaid.

[If any Slave be killed in resisting any Officer, the Party killing, to under go a Trial.]

[The Expence to be borne by the Public.]

And be it Enacted, That where any Person or Persons shall be prosecuted for killing a Slave or Slaves resisting, as by the said Act entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and a Supplementary Act to an Act entitled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, That then, and in such Case, the Public of this Province shall pay such Person, or Persons, all his Costs and Charges, which he or they shall be at by Means of any such Prosecution.

16th November 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Lower House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
M Macnemara Cl lo ho.

On behalf of the Right
Honourable the Lord
Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law
Hor.^o Sharpe

16 Novem.^r 1753
Read and Assented to
by the Upper House of
Assembly
Signed p Order
J. Ross Cl Up Ho

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Wax Appendant

No. 26 An Act to prevent injuring the Navigation to Baltimore-Town, and
p. 117 to the Inspecting House at Elk-Ridge Landing, on Patapsco River.

[Preamble.] Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that by opening and digging into the Banks of Patapsco River, for Iron Stone, large Quantities of Earth and Sand are thrown and washed into the said River, and navigable Branches thereof, by which Practice (if continued), the Channel of the said River, and navigable Branches aforesaid, will, in a short Time, be so filled up, that Vessels of any Burthen must be prevented from coming into the best and most secure Harbours in the said River, and the Navigation thereof greatly obstructed: For Remedy of which Evil, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,