

CHAPTER 337.

AN ACT relating to the Armories of this State.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized, at such times as he may deem it necessary, to employ two competent persons, in the neighbourhood of each of the Armories of this state, whose duty it shall be to make out and return to the secretary of state, an accurate inventory of the arms, ammunition and other public property therein, together with the condition and value of said arms, &c. and the persons so employed, shall be entitled to two dollars each, for every day while they shall be actually engaged on the duty aforesaid. Examiners to report.

CHAPTER 361.

AN ACT requiring the Sheriffs of the several Counties of this State to serve separately each writ of *capias ad respondendum*, in their respective hands against the same Defendant, where the said writs are returnable to the same term.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties of this state, and they are hereby required, to serve separately, each writ of *capias ad respondendum*, in their respective hands against the same defendant, where the said writs are returnable to the same term. Service directed.

CHAPTER 375.

AN ACT, entitled, an Act to Prevent the Transportation of People of Colour, upon Rail Roads or in Steamboats.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this general assembly, that the owners of slaves in this state have suffered great loss by the facilities of escape, afforded to slaves by means of rail roads and steamboats; therefore, for remedy of said evil, Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any slave to be transported on any rail road, chartered by this state, or any steamboat, tow-boat, or other vessel navigating the waters of this state, without a permission in writing from the owner of such slave, under the penalty of five hundred dollars for every violation of this act, to be recovered in the name of the state, from the president, directors and company of said rail road, or the owners or captain of said steamboat, tow-boat, or other vessel, as the case may be, by action of debt in any of the courts of law of this state, one-half whereof shall be for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the state. Transportation of slave without a written permit forbid.
Penalty \$500.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any slave or slaves shall escape from his or their owner or owners, by being transported on said rail roads, or in said steamboats, tow-boats, or other ves- In case of escape of a slave.