

Justices to have concurrent jurisdiction, &c.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the said justices, or any three or more of them, in court sitting, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the county court of the said county, to hear and determine all complaints between masters, servants and apprentices, and any order by the said justices in such cases may be removed to the general court.

Security may surrender the principal, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, If any security in any recognizance shall request to surrender up the principal, it shall be lawful for any one of the said justices to accept such surrender in or out of court, and he shall thereupon require and take other recognizance, or commit the principal to gaol until he give such security as the law requires.

SEC. 19. Merged in 1809, ch. 144, ante page 589.

Justices may bind out children &c.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, If any person convicted shall have any child or children under the age of twenty-one years, and shall not have property sufficient to maintain such child or children, that the said justices may bind out such child or children to any trade or handicraft, females until the age of sixteen years, and males until the age of twenty-one years.

Execution to issue in certain cases, &c.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, If any person shall be convicted of robbery, or of grand and petit larceny, or of forgery, and the property taken, or money received, is not returned to the party injured, and such convicted person shall have property within the state, the court before whom such person shall be convicted shall, at the instance of the party injured, issue execution against the property of such convicted person, in the name of the person injured, for the value of the property so taken, or money so received; such value, or sum of money, to be estimated by the said court.

See 1809, ch. 138, sec. 6, ante page 576.

Complaints by sailors may be heard, &c.

SEC. 22. WHEREAS, it frequently happens, in the town of Baltimore, that sailors and mariners complain against each other for breaches of the peace, and it is often ruinous to the parties and injuries to trade, to compel such persons to appear at the next criminal court; *Be it enacted*, That, on any such complaint, it shall be lawful for any two or more of the said justices to hear the complaint, and to impose such fine on the offender as they may think reasonable, and to commit for non-payment thereof; and such fines shall be paid to the sheriff of Baltimore county; *Provided*, that either party, if the fact is controverted, may elect to have a trial by jury, and in such case the complainants shall give security to prosecute, and the defendants to answer, the complaint at the next criminal court.

See 1816, ch. 193, sec. 16.

SEC. 23, 24. Repealed by 1799, ch. 58.

Persons condemned

SEC. 25. WHEREAS, it is represented, that persons condemned in other states to labour, as a punishment for their crimes, have