

and riotous assemblages of coloured persons, and to apprehend and seize all negroes and slaves, or persons of colour, whom they may have reason to suspect have unlawfully absented themselves from home, or have illegally emigrated from another state, or are in any manner violating the laws of this state.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said patrol, or as many of them as are necessary, as soon as convenient, to take all persons whom they may apprehend as aforesaid before some justice of the peace for said county, to be dealt with according to law. Duty.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That if said patrol have reason to suspect that any runaway negro slave, or person of colour, is concealed or harboured in any dwelling or out-house of any coloured person, within their search, it shall be the duty of such patrol to demand of the owner or occupant of such house to be admitted into the same, for the purpose of making search as aforesaid, and if the owner or occupant shall refuse to suffer such entry and search, it shall be lawful for such patrol to use all necessary force to effect the same, and in any action of trespass or other suit brought by any owner or occupant for any entry made in virtue of this act, the defendant shall, on the general issue plea, have liberty to give the special matter in evidence. Searches.

**SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That if any person named in such requisition or patrol, on being duly notified and summoned by such justice of the peace, or by their authority, shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, every such person so offending, shall be subject to pay a fine not exceeding five dollars, nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered as other small debts out of court now are, by warrant in the name of the state, and the money so arising to be paid over to the levy court for the use of said county. Delinquents.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act to establish a Patrol in Calvert County, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, chapter eighty-five.—1826, ch. 210.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That each person who may be required to act as one of any patrol, under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, and who shall perform his duty as such, shall be entitled to receive fifty cents for every night he may so attend. Allowance to patrol.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That the captain or captains of the said patrols shall return to the justices of the levy court of Calvert county a list, under oath, of all such persons as may have acted under his command on any such patrol, and the said justices shall annually cause a sufficient sum of money to be Captains to return lists of persons acting under them.