

shall apply to them for the same; and that every county clerk who shall neglect or delay to perform his duty herein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of six hundred pounds of tobacco, one-half whereof to the use of the county school, and the other half to him, her or them, that shall sue for the same, to be recovered before a single magistrate of the county where such forfeiture shall happen, as in case of small debts.

Proviso. SEC. 4. *Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any clerk from being chargeable for any misfeasance or neglect in his office, in the same manner as if this act had never been made.

Enacted into a permanent law by 1793, ch. 71.

CHAPTER 19.

* 1715, ch. 44. AN additional SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act, entitled, * An act relating to servants and slaves.

Preamble. WHEREAS by an act of assembly of this province, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-sixth day of April, anno domini one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, entitled, an act relating to servants and slaves, it is enacted, that 'any person or persons whatsoever, that shall, after the publication of the said act, wittingly or willingly entertain any servant or slave, unlawfully absenting him, her or themselves, from their master, mistress, dame or overseer, shall be fined five hundred pounds of tobacco for every night or twenty-four hours that such person or persons shall give such entertainment:' And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that many crafty and ill disposed persons, knowing that they are not liable to the payment of the said fine, unless they entertain such servant or slave one whole night, or twenty-four hours without intermission, do, by frequently entertaining the servants and slaves of the good people of this province at dead times of night, for several hours together, entice them secretly to make away with, and embezzle, the goods of their masters or owners, by carrying them to such entertainments, and to commit many grievous disorders and irregularities against the peace of his lordship, and his good rule and government, and to the great damage and disquiet of many of his majesty's liege subjects within this province; for preventing which evils for the future,

Penalty on persons harbouring slaves, &c.

SEC. 2. *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 if any person or persons, after the end of this session of assembly, shall wittingly or willingly entertain any servant or servants, slave or slaves, unlawfully