

sition for as many inhabitants of the county, subject to militia duty, as they may think necessary, not exceeding fifteen in any one company, to be denominated a patrol.

40. The said justices shall appoint two discreet persons of the patrol to be captains.

41. Said patrol shall serve for a period of not less than four nor more than eight hours.

42. They shall make diligent search through the district prescribed in their authority, and disperse all unlawful and riotous assemblages of negroes, and apprehend and seize all negroes and slaves whom they may have reason to suspect to have unlawfully absented themselves from home, or have illegally emigrated from another State, or are in any manner violating the laws of this State.

43. They shall, as soon as convenient, take all persons whom they may apprehend before some justice of the peace of the county, to be dealt with according to law.

44. They shall, if they have reason to suspect that any runaway negro slave or free negro is concealed or harbored in any dwelling or out-house, demand admittance into the same of the owner or occupant, and if the owner or occupant refuse admittance, shall 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 pursuance of this section, the defendant may on the general issue give the special matter in evidence.

45. If any person named in the requisition of the justice, on being duly summoned and notified, shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, he shall be subject to a fine of not more than five dollars nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered by summons in the name of the State, as other small debts, and paid over to the county commissioners for the use of the county.

46. The captain or captains of patrols shall return to the county commissioners of the county a list, under oath, of all persons who may have acted under their command on patrol, and the county commissioners shall levy for each person on