

25. All sheriffs, constables and other officers, shall aid and assist the trustees of the poor, and the officers by them employed, in the execution of their respective duties.

26. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any thing done in pursuance of this law, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence in his defence; and if upon trial a verdict shall be given for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be nonsuit or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs.

APPRENTICES.

27. Whenever the Orphans' Court of Caroline county shall bind out any free negro child, they may increase the freedom dues allowed by law to such apprentice to such extent as may in their judgment be proper, but in no case shall they exceed double the amount now provided.

28. In binding a negro apprentice the said court may inquire into the manner and expense of raising him, and may secure to the parents, relations or persons who may have raised such child, or proportionably where the circumstances require it, such sum to be paid by the master as the said court may deem just under the circumstances.

29. The justices of the peace of Caroline county shall exercise the same powers as are given to the Orphans' Court of said county by the two preceding sections, and the Orphans' Court, before confirming any such indenture made by a justice of the peace, shall inquire into the circumstances, and may in their discretion require that the said indenture shall be made to conform to their practice in relation to such indentures before confirming the same.

BRIDGETOWN.

30. The citizens of the village of Bridgetown in Caroline county are a body corporate by the name of "The Commissioners of Bridgetown," and by that name may sue and be sued, and may have and use a common seal.

31. The limits of Bridgetown shall commence at the forks of the road at the east end of said town, and thence running south